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## Campaigns ramp up messages as elections draw near



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REPORTER

As the Nov. 6 mid-term elections draw near, hundreds turned out for separate political rallies during the weekend advocating everything from "clean government," to "impeachment," "unity" and "the real party that belongs to the people," among other things.

### » Coalition parties join 'Rally for clean government,' as GOP holds Refalu-wasch rally

On Saturday, private citizens led by Michael Geisinger held a rally for "clean government" or "people power" at Minachom Attdao in Susupe, joined by a coalition of political groups—the Covenant Party, so-called Independent Republicans, Independents, and the Democratic Party on Saturday by the Minachom Attdao also in Susupe. Campaigns have ramped up their messages as the Nov. 6 midterm elections draw near.

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Left, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial leads Republican Party members at a rally by the Civic Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon, while photo above shows Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) and Rep. Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) join private citizens at a rally for clean government joined by the Covenant Party, so-called Independent Republicans, Independents, and the Democratic Party on Saturday by the Minachom Attdao also in Susupe. Campaigns have ramped up their messages as the Nov. 6 midterm elections draw near.

### DOI zeroes in on CNMI's mounting deficit

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### » Fitial touts reduction plan

A U.S. Department of the Interior-commissioned report that Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta has shared with local stakeholders zeroes in on the CNMI's mounting cumulative deficit of over \$300 million but Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said yesterday his administration's deficit reduction plan has been in place for quite sometime.

Fitial said he saw the draft weeks ago, and received the final report from Babauta on Friday.

The report also compares the percentage of funding that the CNMI allots for education, public safety, and public

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Babauta

## CNMI secures 19 charter flights from Russia

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Tourist arrivals from Russia are expected to significantly increase starting this fiscal year after the CNMI successfully secured 19 total charter flights from the destination, which is anticipated to bring in an additional 2,850 passengers to the island.

At exactly 12:45am Friday, the first batch of 150 Russian tourists arrived at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport onboard the inaugural flight organized by AviaCharter DV via Airbus

320 aircraft. The flight was from Vladivostok.

Marianas Visitors Authority acting managing director Judy C. Torres, along with agency executives Bruce Bateman and Tatiana Babauta, welcomed the passengers of the maiden flight made up mostly of first-time visitors to the island.

With excitement on their faces, tourists were offered shell leis, mwars, and a special welcome dance presentation by indigenous dancers.

According to MVA marketing man-

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ROSELYN MONROYO

This Russian father-and-daughter pair was among the first group of passengers welcomed at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport early Friday morning onboard the inaugural flight of AviaCharter from Russia. The CNMI had secured 19 total charter flights from Russia until March next year, which is estimated to bring an additional 2,850 Russian visitors to Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.



# Local

## PSS concerned with high rate of child obesity, teen pregnancy

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Obesity among schoolchildren and concerns on teen pregnancy remain among the biggest challenges for the Public School System, according to PSS associate commissioner for instruction and services Jackie Quitugua.

She revealed that based on PSS records, only 56 percent of students from kindergarten to high school have healthy weight, which means that 44 percent of schoolchildren have weight problems—either underweight or obese.

Quitugua said this statistic was based on the body mass index (bmi) recorded in 2011.

"Obesity is still a major challenge. Although we have seen some decrease [in some years], the data is still a big concern and until such time that everyone—including parents and agencies—are not taking their part, this [problem] will remain," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

This week, a health summit that aims to bring this awareness to all stakeholders is slated to take place on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The "Healthy Children Healthy Future" conference will start today, Oct. 29, at the Rota

Resort. The event will focus on wellness program and childhood obesity prevention. On Oct. 31, the same event will take place at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

Both conferences are open to the public.

For Saipan, the summit will be held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa on Nov. 2 and 3 from 8:30am

to 3pm where parents, educators, private sectors, and community members are invited to participate in the discussion.

According to Quitugua experts from abroad will facilitate this event.

**» 44% of students have weight problems**

**» 51% HS teens engaged in sexual acts**

Quitugua said PSS expects that after the health conference, participants will walk away with more knowledge and ideas on what they can do to prevent obesity among children. She described the conference as a holistic approach that would bring all parties together for a common goal.

**51% high school students engaged in sexual acts**

Quitugua also bared that besides obesity, PSS is also focusing efforts in addressing the high number of teens who admitted engaging in sexual acts that potentially may lead to teen pregnancy.

Based on a survey conducted among high school students, records show that 51 percent of the respondents admitted

engaging in sexual acts. This record, according to Quitugua, was as of school year 2011 and was done as part of PSS requirement with the federal Center for Disease Control.

Quitugua said prior to 2011 "self-reported" data, the statistic was higher. However, the associate commissioner said that PSS had seen an "increase" in the number of students who are now using condoms, based on the survey they took.

PSS will be conducting its youth risk behavior survey in 2013. The associate commissioner said PSS had seen the strong correlation between health status, learning, and academic performance of students.

Last week, Quitugua reported to the Board of Education that

this school year PSS can expand its health programs—specifically on teen pregnancy—after it secured a \$250,000 federal grant that was coursing through the Hawaii Youth Network.

Quitugua said PSS has been partnering with the Hawaii organization on teen pregnancy program and trainings but this is the first time a funding was allocated for CNMI program. The \$250,000 was from Human Health Services and will be utilized for three years.

During a recent PSS Close Up Summit, participating students from public and private high schools emphasized the need to see an expanded program on teen pregnancy issue to totally eliminate the long time problem among teens.

## Hospital challenges bared to OIA

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U.S. Department of the Interior assistant secretary for insular affairs Tony Babauta last Friday received a for-

**» Corporation asks funding aid for worn, outdated hospital air-con units**

mal briefing and presentation on the current situation of the Commonwealth Health Center

and its immediate goals to turn around the financially challenged public hospital.

Babauta and his team were welcomed at the

facility by Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta, COO Esther Muna, and board chair Joaquin Torres, who all took part in a closed-door session with visiting federal officials.

Prior to the executive meeting, OIA officials were presented immediate data and re-

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# Johnson, Fitial, others asked if amenable to settlement conference

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood has asked retiree Betty Johnson and the defendants in her lawsuit—Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, the CNMI government, and others—if they are amenable or not to a settlement conference.

In an order issued on Thursday, Tydingco-Gatewood gave Johnson and other parties to file their response no later than Nov. 2, 2012.

The judge issued the order after the Fund Board of Trustees, through trustee ad litem Joseph C. Razzano, filed a motion for pretrial settlement conference.

"The court recognizes that it has the authority to require the parties to participate in a settlement conference," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

The judge disclosed that Hawaii chief bankruptcy judge Robert Faris has communicated with her his willingness to serve as the settlement judge in this case.

Fund counsels Braddock J. Huesman and Daniel J. Berman last week asked the court

to issue an order requiring the parties in Johnson's lawsuit and their attorneys to attend a settlement conference.

Huesman and Berman requested the court to designate the schedule and place of the conference to aid the resolution, settlement, and disposition of the case.

The lawyers asked the court to issue an order requiring all parties, and inviting non-party autonomous CNMI agencies, to appear at the status conference before Hawaii bankruptcy judge Robert Faris on or before Nov. 19, 2012 to select dates and times to hold the settlement discussions in Saipan.

"The Fund believes that settlement of all issues and claims is best served at this stage of the litigation before more costs and expenses are incurred," Huesman and Berman said.

In her lawsuit, Johnson asked the court to order the Fund and the CNMI government to collect Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo's judgment, pay or bring current all CNMI obligations to the Fund, and distribute appropriate

retirement benefits.

Johnson named as defendants Fitial, Fund trustees Adelina C. Roberto and Nacrina Barcenas, former Fund administrator Richard S. Villagomez, Finance secretary Larissa Larson, the CNMI government, Finance, Fund, and the Fund Board of Trustees.

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## Rota welcomes additional Cape Air flight

Continental Connection partner, Cape Air, will be adding a fourth weekly flight to Rota beginning on Nov. 24 as a result of increased demand, bringing renewed hope for island residents and the local tourism industry.

Cape Air made the announcement last week to Rota officials, including Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota).

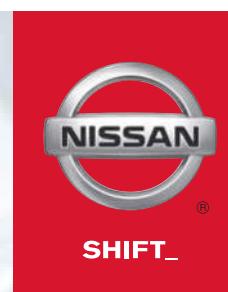
It said this addition is on the heels of their adding a third Rota flight in April of this year.

The fourth flight will be Cape Air's first daylight-timed Rota stop.

"The increase in demand, which we registered after the April schedule enhancement, is encouraging. The support for Rota service from you and the community is greatly appreciated, and we are optimistic that frequencies may be further augmented going forward should demand continue," Cape Air told Manglona.

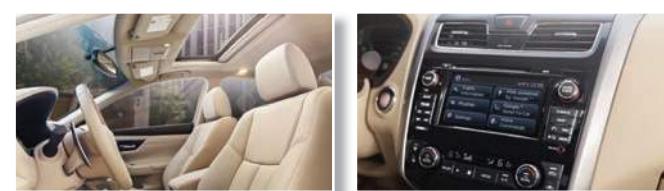
Manglona said on Friday that "the people of Rota are so grateful to Cape Air for their service and assistance."

"Our small businesses have been hurting from the lack of air transportation to our island, affecting our tourism industry. Our traveling public also has been greatly inconvenienced. So with this additional daytime flight, we are so thankful for Cape Air's responsiveness to our people's need for more air transportation frequency," Manglona added. (Haidee V. Eugenio)



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## 4,570 yet to get CW permits as of Oct. 23

Some 37 percent or 4,570 of 12,428 foreign workers petitioned since last year have yet to be granted a transitional Commonwealth-only worker permit but U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said it hopes to adjudicate all initial petitions by Dec. 28, the expiration of the 90-day parole in place extension.

As of Oct. 23, USCIS granted CW-1 permits to 7,858 foreign workers.

Many of those with pending CW petitions were subject of a "request for evidence" from USCIS, which is

awaiting responses from employers.

USCIS regional media manager Marie Therese Sebrechts provided the latest statistics on CW petitions during the weekend, saying that from Oct. 7, 2011 to Oct. 23, 2012, the California Service Center had data entered 6,129 I-129CW petitions.

These petitions were filed by some 1,858 different employers on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

A total of 12,428 CW-1 workers are sponsored on these petitions filed.

"A total of 4,588 petitions were ap-

proved consisting of 7,858 beneficiaries," Sebrechts said.

But these numbers are not static, as USCIS continues to receive new petitions. In February, for example, USCIS received some 5,000 petitions, and the number has since grown to over 6,000 petitions.

Sebrechts also said responses are pending on approximately 500 RFEs.

USCIS denied 344 petitions, consisting of 450 beneficiaries.

The reasons for the denials have always been the result of any of the following: withdrawals by the employers; abandonment by the employers; absence of evidence that the employer-

vise of its people.

Last Friday night, a special dinner at Pacific Islands Club was hosted to welcome the passengers of the maiden charter flight with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Commerce & Tourism, in attendance.

Chernayvski described the Northern Marianas as a good place to stay as it offers both safety and comfort to visitors.

Another representative from AviaCharter, Anna Evstigneeva, shared with *Saipan Tribune* that the maiden flight left Russia 9pm Thursday and described the more than four-hour journey as a wonderful experience.

All 150 passengers, she said, will be staying for a week to experience and enjoy the serene beauty of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Also a first-timer on the island, Evstigneeva said many friends who have been to the island had good words about the CNMI which motivated more Russians to explore the destination.

She said repeat tourists from Russia are one in saying about the islands' beautiful nature and high quality ser-

MVA, in a statement, said that media representatives and travel agents on the flight are scheduled to tour Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. FAM tour hotel accommodations and tour support are being provided by DFS Saipan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, World Resort Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Aqua Resort Club Saipan, Mariana Resort and Spa, Tasi Tours, Sand Castle Saipan, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Stars and Stripes, Marianas Trekking, Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, Star Marianas Air, Rota Resort & Country Club, PDI, and Good Tour Company.

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio encouraged the community to continue to extend the island hospitality to the visitors. The Russian visitors are schedule to depart on Friday.

Interior Office of Insular Affairs Nik Pula.

### Deficit reduction plan

Fitial said his administration is going over the report, adding that the bulk of the over \$300 million cumulative deficit is the unpaid obligations to the NMI Retirement Fund.

The governor said his administration's deficit reduction plan involves setting aside surplus funds and apply them toward reducing the government's cumulative deficit.

"Whenever we incur lapses, when there is an account that has surpluses, we set that aside until the end of the fiscal year then we apply that toward the deficit," Fitial said in an interview at the Republican Party rally for mostly Refaluwasch members and their families at Civic Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon.

In May this year, Deloitte released an independent audit of government finances showing that the CNMI's government's unreserved fund deficit ballooned by \$36.1 million or 12 percent in a 12-month period.

This brought the total to \$336.9 million by the end of fiscal year 2010 compared to \$300.8 million in fiscal year 2009. The Deloitte report said there's not much recovery in sight for FY 2011.

The unreserved fund deficit of \$336.9 million in fiscal year 2010 is much more than the government's fiscal year 2012 budget of \$102 million and the FY 2013 budget of \$114 million.

Fitial said the Interior-commissioned report was part of an agreement between OIA and the CNMI during a Micronesian Chief Executives Summit in

Guam early this year.

He said USDA Graduate School's Debbie Milks came to the CNMI for the report.

The governor said that same agreement also involves having the Interior award a grant to fund a fulltime certified public accountant position at the CNMI Department of Finance.

"He or she will be looking at the financial picture of the Commonwealth and see if she can help improve also the internal control that we will institute in order to control expenditures," he said.

### Other reports, issues

OIA's Babauta said there are other reports not funded by the Interior that they have also looked at.

"We believe that there are recommendations in there that need to be looked at again to see where support can be lent, to try to affect change. We all recognize that studies are done on everything. We want to pull all the studies off the shelves and go through them again," he added.

Babauta said he has also yet to fully review the newly released the Interior-funded HealthTech analysis report on the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Fitial said his administration is asking the Interior to help fund the recommended hiring of a turnaround management team at CHC.

Lawmakers and the administration said bringing in the turnaround management team could cost up to \$2 million, but a request for proposal will be issued to get the best possible bid.

Babauta said he has yet to receive a formal request from the CNMI government on this matter.

petitioner meets one of the eligibility requirements; and absence of evidence that the worker-beneficiary was lawfully present in the CNMI at the time of the filing.

Carlito Marquez, a concerned citizen, suggests that USCIS considers an automatic extension of parole in place for those whose CW petitions remain pending, many of them since about a year ago.

"Without automatic parole exten-

sion, everyone with expired or expiring parole have to go over the extension process again when it is not them that caused the delays in the first place. If the Dec. 28 deadline is not met again, USCIS will again require them to extend; why not just automatically extend their parole since it's not their fault that their CW petitions have not been granted yet?" Marquez told *Saipan Tribune*.

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## CAMPAIGNS

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said the Fitial administration has not been making good on its promises. He said he will vote for those who are not aligned with the governor.

Rabauliman, 58, was holding a placard at the rally for clean government that reads, "Impeach," saying that he hopes the incoming 18th Legislature "will impeach the governor, my uncle."

Ken Kramer, an environmentalist, said it's up to the people to rid the government of corruption.

"Remove the Ben 10 because they are working for Fitial, not working for the people. We want people in government that are working for the people, elected by the people, for the people, not for the governor," he said.

Demapan said it is good that people are coming out to support clean government.

"That's exactly what the Republican Party supports," he told reporters yesterday. "The baffling part is to see lawmakers there that are not so clean but are rallying for a clean government. So it's kind of confusing to see some lawmakers supporting a rally against themselves."

Demapan also said it took only one party—the Republican Party—to have a huge turnout.

"That's why clearly we know which party belongs to the people," he added.

Organizers for the rally for clean government said they have many silent supporters because they fear retaliation from the administration that includes getting fired from their government jobs.

## HOSPITAL

*From Page 2*

will follow-up this proposal to OIA's Babauta.

The CHCC is seeking a \$5.053 million assistance from OIA to replace the hospital's current air-con system which requires the procurement of a new chill water air conditioning system, which if installed, will be energy efficient and more economical to operate.

Based on the grant proposal turned in last September, the corporation indicated that the desired system will be able to adequately supply cooling comfort during peak heat load times. It will also operate to as low as 20 percent load during evening hours. The new system is projected to reduce by 25 percent the kilowatt-hour consumption at the CHC compared to a scroll or screw compressor system in research on different types of compressors.

CEO Babauta said since the establishment of the 78-bed Commonwealth Health Center in 1986, the air conditioners that were installed have not been replaced. Although maintenance of these ACs has been conducted, several factors require replacement of these "worn, outdated" air conditioners with more environment friendly and cost-efficient system.

"We intend to replace the 20-year-old air conditioning system [at the hospital] that is at times malfunctioning and has completely gone out—a risk to our patients and the hospital in general," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

# Drunk cop hits woman with marked police car, flees scene

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An alleged drunk police officer driving a marked police's vehicle struck and injured a woman who was walking on the side of a road near Northern Marianas College and fled the scene on Saturday afternoon.

Sources identified the suspect as Police Officer 2 Martin Kapileo, who is currently assigned at the Department of Public Safety's logistics.

DPS had yet to release information to the media as of

press time yesterday.

Sources, however, disclosed that Kapileo was subsequently arrested for auto-pedestrian hit and run, driving while under the influence of alcohol, and misuse of government vehicle.

Sources said Kapileo engaged in a highspeed chase involving a witness and police officers through San Jose, Susupe and north on Beach Road.

Sources said the victim was walking on the side of the road near Top Store when a DPS truck driven by Kapileo struck her.

Kapileo, however, allegedly continued driving the marked DPS vehicle. A witness dialed 911 and followed Kapileo until other police officers joined in the pursuit and pulled him over by Quarter Master Road.

The victim was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center for laceration on the head.

The vehicle was taken to DPS Central in Susupe for processing.

Kapileo was off-duty at the time. He is expected to be taken to Superior Court today, Monday, for bail hearing.

## CW

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A 46-year-old dependent of a CW-1 application separately said yesterday that her husband's CW-1 application has been pending since October 2011 while his co-workers have already gotten their permits.

"Because my husband has yet to get his CW-1 permit, I also have yet to get my CW-2 or dependent permit. We're not so nervous about it because his colleagues have already been approved and he works at a reputable company. But we hope we'll get our permits soon. One good thing about the delay, though, is that we're able

to save at least a year of application fees," she said.

On Thursday, Stephen P. Green, field office director for USCIS Guam and CNMI, told members and guests of the Chapter of the Society of Human Resources Management during their monthly meeting that foreign workers who have yet to get their initial CW permits need to apply for an extension of their parole in place.

Once approved, the extended parole in place will be valid until Dec. 28, 2012, or 90 days from Sept. 30, 2012.

During Green's presentation, the only available data on CW permits and applications was as of Sept. 25, wherein 5,183 foreign workers had yet

to receive a CW permit.

Moreover, many employers may now need to start applying for an extension of their workers' initial CW-1 permits-at least 90 days prior to the expiration of these permits.

More information is available at [www.uscis.gov/cnmi](http://www.uscis.gov/cnmi) or [www.uscis.gov/cw](http://www.uscis.gov/cw).

The Fitial administration and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization with over 150 members, have been pushing for a five-year extension of the transitional CW program beyond Dec. 31, 2014, citing the need to still have access to skilled foreign labor to help run the local economy. (*Haidée V. Eugenio*)

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The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT NO. 128 D 51, (formerly known as part of Lot 018 D 57), containing an area of 620 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 128 D 00 the original of which was recorded 07 DEC 99 as Document No. 99-2896 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default Trustee issued its Amended Notice of Default on September 21, 2011. More than thirty days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2CMC §4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Trustee will, on **Monday, November 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's office in Garapan, Saipan** under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. **The minimum bid offer shall be not less than \$69,000.00 the total amount due under the VA loan.**

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## Fugitive Buckingham asks Supreme Court to dismiss his criminal case

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Fugitive former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham has asked the CNMI Supreme Court to issue an order mandating the Superior Court to dismiss the criminal case filed against him.

Buckingham, through counsel Brien Sers Nicholas, also requested the high court to issue an order prohibiting the Superior Court from entertaining the criminal case any further.

Buckingham also moved the Supreme Court to prohibit the Office of Public Auditor, through its legal counsel George L. Hasselback, from attempting to prosecute him.

In his petitions for a writ of mandamus and a writ of prohibition, the former AG asserted that associate judge David A. Wiseman or the Superior Court has no subject matter and personal jurisdictions to entertain his prosecution.

Nicholas said OPA has no legal authority to prosecute alleged violations of the Commonwealth laws.

Nicholas said the Superior Court did not and could not

have subject matter jurisdiction in this case and yet proceeded by declaring Buckingham as a "fugitive."

The lawyer said the Superior Court's equitable powers and dispositions under the disentitlement doctrine, if any, were and are not at issue in this case.

"What is at issue in this case is the Superior Court's jurisdiction for which the disentitlement doctrine is irrelevant as it cannot be relied upon to grant the Superior Court with jurisdiction in this case," he said.



**Buckingham**

a judge.

OPA filed seven criminal misdemeanor charges against Buckingham. An FBI special agent reportedly served Buckingham with the penal summons at the Saipan international airport shortly after he and his wife left Saipan at 6am Delta flight to Narita, Japan last August 4.

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# **ON DOWNSIZING ROTA HEALTH CENTER**

# **'RIF will always be in our plan should it become necessary'**

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REPORTER

Despite appeals to spare the Rota Health Center from any reduction-in-force, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board vice chair Pedro Dela Cruz disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the fact remains that once finalized an RIF will be implemented across all health centers in the Commonwealth.

Cruz made the statement in reaction to a recent request made by Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) to the corporation asking that RHC be exempted from the measure as this will further create crisis in the island's healthcare system and its people.

Cruz, who represents Rota in the healthcare corporation board, said that although cost-cutting measures for Rota have been earlier discussed, it's merely "just a discussion" for now.

However, he said once confirmed, the cost-cutting measure will be for all three islands.

"In regards to the RIF, again it is not just Rota and Tinian that will be affected. CHC is taking most of the brunt. RIF will always be in our plan should it become necessary," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

Santos, in her Oct. 20 letter to CEO Juan N. Babauta, disclosed that the community on

Rota is very much concerned on the planned continuation of the corporation's RIF which had affected a dozen employees on the first wave.

But the vice chair admitted that he found it "ironic" that Santos is raising this issue.

"I find it ironic that the congresswoman is raising this issue. If they are so concerned why it is that the Legislature only appropriated \$1.9 million for the corporation?" The Legislature as well as Rep. Santos should be more concerned about the health condition of our people and stop the talk and do the walk," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* in an email.

Dela Cruz cited the board's resolution adopted in August where the corporation asked both Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Legislature for financial assistance of \$38 million to delivery its responsibility in providing quality healthcare.

"[And what] we got is merely \$1.9 million...so where is the priority?" he asked.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the Rota Health Center employs over 40 employees, which was a reduction from previous year's count of 52 personnel. Currently onboard at the center are two doctors, two registered nurses, three licensed practical nurses, eight nursing assistants, and the rest are support and ad-

ministrative staffers.

Dela Cruz pointed out that the "downsizing of the Rota and Tinian health centers" were just discussions as part of the plan in the event that the corporation's financial situation is worst.

"It is not only Rota and Tinian that will be affected, the Commonwealth Health Center will be most affected.

This idea was table during our last week board meeting. It must be noted that if such downsizing is to take effect,

the Board of Trustees have no authority unless the current statute is amended to reflect such change. The Legislature,

administration as well as the respective mayors of Rota and Tinian will also be part of this decision," he added.

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## Psychiatric exam sought on Power 99 car burning suspect

A defense counsel last Friday asked the federal court to order a psychiatric or psychological examination on former disc jockey Aziz Peter Mettao, who is facing charges over the burning of Power 99 Studio's vehicle.

F. Matthew Smith, court-appointed counsel for Mettao, requested the U.S. District Court for the NMI to hold a hearing to determine whether the 27-year-old Mettao is competent to proceed with the trial.

Smith said he is concerned that his client may not be competent to stand trial after reviewing the reported provided by U.S. Probation at the initial hearing and discussing the same with the defendant and his relatives.

"In order to find a defendant incompetent, this court must find by a preponderance of the

evidence that the defendant is suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering him mentally incompetent to the extent that he is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him or assist properly in his defense," the lawyer pointed out.

Smith disclosed that prior to his arrest, Mettao was working with the Veterans Affairs Office in Guam trying to get medical attention.

"Due to his need for a competency examination and hearing and because it may be relevant to the detention issue, defendant Mettao is willing to postpone the upcoming detention hearing until his competency is determined," he said.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Ex-

plosives has stepped into the investigation in the burning of Power 99 Studio's vehicle by Mettao.

ATF agents served Mettao with an arrest warrant last Oct. 19.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued the arrest warrant after ATF filed that same day a complaint charging Mettao with malicious use of explosive materials, a felony that carries a penalty for a maximum term of 10 years or more in prison.

ATF special agent John N.Q. Quintanilla stated in his affidavit that there is probable cause to believe that Mettao has committed a crime of malicious use of explosive materials.

Quintanilla's affidavit cited

the police's reports about the burning of Power 99's silver Hyundai's Tucson in western Garapan in the early morning of Sept. 10, 2012.

Quintanilla said Mettao used beer bottles that he filled with flammable liquid to burn and damage the vehicle leased by Triple J Motors to Power 99, a subsidiary of the Guam-based Sorenson Media Group.

The special agent said according to the radio station's manager, Mettao was employed as a DJ for Power 99 for approximately eight months before his employment was terminated, four months before the car burning.

Mettao is facing criminal charges in Superior Court over the burning of the car. He is out on bail in that case. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

**Oct. 29, 2001**

### NMI sees rising cases of diabetes

The number of diabetes cases in the CNMI is going up, as the disease remains one of the leading causes of death in the Commonwealth. Department of Public Health Medical Director Richard Brostrom said the situation in the CNMI does not reflect the trend in the mainland US where diabetes cases are reportedly declining. Although the DPH's statistical report on the health status at the Commonwealth is still pending, Brostrom said there have been more than 50 deaths caused by diabetes or its complications this year. Last year, diabetes mortality reached 45. Of this number, 25 and 14 died due to heart disease and stroke, respectively, while six died directly from the disease.

### Residents oppose PCB treatment plan

A group of Tanapag residents has threatened to hold mass demonstrations against the on-site treatment of some 20,000 tons of soil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl, a day after they walked out from a meeting with government officials to discuss about the plan. Tanapag Action Group Chair Juan Tenorio said they will stage a rally to express opposition against the on-site treatment of PCB-contaminated soil proposed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The proposal was conditionally approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency. "We started organizing a [series of] mass, community demonstrations," disclosed Tenorio. He said the indignation rally will be staged within a week and a half's time.

**Oct. 29, 2003**

### DPH to lobby for lifting Medicaid cap

Public Health officials are lobbying federal authorities for the lifting of the Medicaid cap in the CNMI as well authorizing local health clinics to accept Medicaid patients and be reimbursed accordingly. These are the issues, according to the Department of Public Health, that will be raised by CNMI Medicaid administrator Helen Sablan and DPH legal counsel Debra Knapp with Medicare and Medicaid policymakers in conferences in Maryland. "They will discuss removing the cap for the CNMI. Sablan will also discuss the possibility of allowing other private clinics in the CNMI to Medicare/Medicaid reimbursable," said department spokesperson John P. Douglas.

### 'Water metering to promote conservation'

Acting Gov. Diego T. Benavente, as head of the CNMI Water Task Force, yesterday touted the installation of water meters as one of the priorities in the working group's action plan, saying the device would promote water conservation among consumers. The lieutenant governor, who also announced the near-completion of the task force's office in Capitol Hill, believes that if consumers were metered-as opposed to the current flat rate payment system-they would be more conscious about water usage. "And the only way that people, I believe, would start conserving, is if they start paying based on use rather than by the monthly flat rate system that most of our people pay," said Benavente.

**Oct. 29, 2004**

### House pushes for credit union's accountability

House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial met with representatives of the Commonwealth Government Employees Credit Union yesterday to discuss the institution's financial standing and ensure that members of the old credit union are adequately protected from further financial losses. According to Fitial, the current credit union is operating quite apart from the original credit union, which became insolvent in the mid 1990s. The new credit union was created to replace the original credit union and has not commingled funds with the original one, which has been in receivership since it collapsed in 1995.

### PSS to get additional buses, vans

The Public School System will soon add another three 66-passenger buses to its current fleet on Saipan, as well as mini-vans for schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Associate commissioner for administration Dr. David M. Borja, who said during an interview yesterday that the buses, as well as 12 mini vans, are expected to arrive either late December or early January through the Federal Transit Authority. Funds provided for the purchase of the buses and vans, as well as for maintenance, is almost \$700,000.

PSS began the school year with 12 regular buses in its fleet. However, Borja said two of the buses have been inoperable due to engine and body problems.



## INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE ITB13-GOV-001



Governor Benigno R. Fitial, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for Security Services for the Water Task Force Drill Rig on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project Scope of Work and Proposal Forms will be available on or after **October 15, 2012** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00 AM**, on **October 26, 2012**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:00 PM on **October 25, 2012**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked "**IFB13-GOV-001**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 PM local time **November 13, 2012**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 PM local time **November 13, 2012**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 13, 2012**, and must be received no later than 2:00 PM **November 23, 2012**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 PM local time, **November 23, 2012**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 PM local time on **November 13, 2012**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Benigno R. Fitial,  
Governor and Contracting Officer

/s/Herman S. Sablan  
Director, Procurement and Supply

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP13-GOV-018



### Program Management: CNMI Water Task Force

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Request for Proposals for Program Management for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, on or after October 25, 2012.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposal must be submitted in writing to **CNMI Water Task Force**, by facsimile to **(670) 664-2279**, no later than October 29, 2012.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from DOI/OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-210. Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Program Management" RFP13-GOV-018**". One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base Drive, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., (CNMI local Time) November 9, 2012. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

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### Program Management: CNMI Water Task Force



Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Request for Proposals for Program Management for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, on or after October 25, 2012.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposal must be submitted in writing to **CNMI Water Task Force**, by facsimile to **(670) 664-2279**, no later than October 29, 2012.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-210. Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Program Management" RFP13-GOV-018**". One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base Drive, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., (CNMI local Time) November 9, 2012. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

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/s/HERMAN S. SABLAM  
Director, Procurement & Supply



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 13-GOV-002

### Construction Management/Contract Compliance For Water Task Force Projects

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF), are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified Consultants to provide Construction Management/Contract Compliance Services for various WTF contracts and projects.

The project Scope of Work will be available on or after **October 15, 2012** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **October 26, 2012** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from OIA.

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/s/HERMAN S. SABLAM  
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## EDITORIAL

### Negotiate with Iran, but stand firm

**P**residential debates on international affairs almost always invoke a lot of tough talk, and Monday's was no exception, as Barack Obama and Mitt Romney used the topic of Iran to burnish their macho credentials.

Negotiating directly with Tehran doesn't sound tough, which may be why both candidates evaded it when the subject came up. But direct U.S.-Iran talks must at least be attempted before war becomes the only remaining option to halt Iran's quest for bomb-grade nuclear material.

The New York Times reported Sunday that Iran and the United States had agreed to direct negotiations. That would mark a bold and potentially perilous move by the Obama administration, which says the report isn't true.

As the Bush administration's chief Iran negotiator, former undersecretary of state R. Nicholas Burns, told The Times negotiations make sense. "What are we going to do instead? Drive straight into a brick wall called war in 2013, and not try to talk to them?"

The regional consequences of a war with Iran would be horrific. Iran's proxies would surge forth to sow mayhem. Oil shipping through the Strait of Hormuz would probably shut down, leading to shortages and global economic catastrophe. There is no guarantee that other nuclear powers, such as India, Pakistan, China and Russia, would support the United States. A broader international conflict of world-war proportions isn't hard to envision.

So, yes, the two absolutely should talk directly. But that must not be confused by Tehran as signaling a collapse of the international resolve that has led to unprecedented harsh economic sanctions. Nor can negotiations become another tool for Iran to keep stalling as it proceeds with bomb-capable enrichment activities.

Direct talks must establish unequivocally that international sanctions will only get worse if Iran doesn't show immediate, full compliance with U.N. Security Council resolutions and its obligations as a signatory to the 1970 Non-proliferation Treaty. Enrichment efforts and nuclear-capable ballistic missile development must cease, as the Security Council requires.

It is crucial that the United States establish a clear timetable of compliance, and that until Iran complies, sanctions not ease. Iran must have no doubt that its currency crisis, inflation, worsening shortages and rising domestic political tensions are only a taste of the pain to come. The talks should establish that Iran's only hope of avoiding more pain—and war—is to stop stalling and start complying.

Direct talks can and should help rebuild trust and defuse tensions. The Bush administration tried direct talks before, in 2007. Yet relations wound up only getting worse, in large part because Iran failed to honor its commitments. This time, the onus must be on Iran to demonstrate transparency, goodwill and a genuine desire to avoid war.

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### A discussion about our culture

**A**s we island citizens become more involved with the influx of various nationalities into our islands, something begins to happen to us. We feel threatened and become "culture conscious." Without thought we blurt out statements as: "Go home, foreigner." Or "You don't understand our culture." All meant in depreciation to the listener. It is as though we have an exclusive right to be here and the other party does not.

The reason I want to discuss culture is that the other day during the hearings at the House of Representatives whether to or to not impeach the governor, I saw and heard offensive cultural bias remarks between Chamorro and Carolinian groups. I was shocked.

I also overheard the boozing of an American who offered his opinions in the discussions. Someone shouted at him, "Go home, you don't belong here, foreigner."

This happened to me after being on Saipan only a few months about 28 years ago. I heard my first cultural bias remark from a "local native." Apparently my presence on Saipan seemed to offend him so he bluntly turned to me and shouted in my face, "Why don't you go home to where you came from. You don't belong here and you don't understand who we are, you foreigner!" Wow! I was startled by his coarse remarks. Having lived in Japan for 16 years and 10 years in Hawaii before coming here, I had never heard a remark like this.

Composing myself as best as I could, I replied, "I will leave when you turn in your American passport. Then watch me go. Until then I have as much right to be on Saipan as you do." That ended the conversation. But I keep hearing these kinds of prejudicial and racial statements quite frequently. So let's discuss the meaning of the word culture.

There are many definitions but here is the one I selected:

"Culture is a way of life of a group of people—the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them, by communication and imitation from one generation to the next."

As we look around in our multi-culture community consider all the wonderful benefits we share. All the delicious different foods we eat; all the different dances and games we share. The list goes on. And the most exciting thing about them is that none of them are better than the other. All people possess a unique pride in their culture and that is as it should be. But it should not be boasted that anyone's culture is better than another. Read on.

I am not trying to lecture about racial bias but I hope to remind us of the damage we do to ourselves and to the persons we say these slurs. I am concerned that unless we truly accept a diversity of cultures, we will fail to understand what makes any country strong and prosperous. We will always remain a poor country not only in material goods but ethically and morally.

Having lived in the United States, Japan, Hawaii, and now in the CNMI, I have seen and felt how acceptance of diverse cultures have promoted various countries. By acceptance of different cultures we do not lose our own but add to our new findings. Thus we expand our understanding of the world. In today's world, there are no closed societies. Consider what the computer, cell phone, iPods, and other technology has done to our world. For those of us who are a bit older, compare our society previous years to today with the lack of modern technology.

To me one of the happiest days of the year is the annual Fourth of July parade in which all of the islands; various cultures parade to demonstrate their pride in the uniqueness of their culture. I enjoy the various countries' costumes worn by the participants. Their dances also give me joy. On that day we proudly show off. It is not to say that one culture is better than another, but to show that we are different but still the same. We have the same hopes and fears. We are all humans trying to survive as best as we can. For one day we share

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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in who we are. Ironically, the Fourth of July is not a CNMI local culture day. But we share in it. Strange, no?

As stated earlier I am preaching about acceptance of diverse cultures so that we enrich our own lives. We must also understand that culture like everything else around us is constantly changing. If we insist on sticking to our "culture" whatever that may be, it feels like we are walking forward with our heads turned backward. But by picking and choosing from the various cultures we grow.

Consider that we have voted to be a part of the American family and proudly display its flag. We even salute the flag and sing the national anthem. Our young men and women enlist in the military and sadly some even give their lives so that we can appreciate a better life. Yet when we become annoyed with native-born Americans, we shout racial remarks. We forget that the United States yearly gives us millions of its dollars without asking for repayment. This generous act allows us to live a fairly high standard. Let us not forget we asked to be adopted.

Allow me to boast a bit. In my own family I have a part Carolinian and American son, an adopted Chinese daughter, an adopted Korean son, a Filipino wife, and I am American of Italian parents. And we love and respect each other without seeing any differences. We blend, and that is what we must do also with the diversity of cultures in our beautiful islands.

I am proud to live on Saipan. Here I can enjoy many cultures from Asia. From them I learn more about myself. As stated above I realize that we are part of a bigger world. From seeing and enjoying various cultures, I have also learned that every nation has three basic and common forms of culture. Every country loves to dance, to sing and to play. And each is as enjoyable and good as the other.

When we go to church our priests are Filipinos. When we hire a taxi the driver may be a Bangladeshi. When we want different tasting foods we go to a Chinese, Korean, Japanese, American, or a Thai restaurant. Most of our labors are nonresident workers who help us lead a cleaner and happier life. All of these people have their own unique culture, which we should become acquainted with.

We have a unique opportunity to share various cultures because we have a diversity of tourists visiting us. If we stretch out our hand in friendship, they will return home and tell their friends to visit us also. But if we turn our backs on them, we deserve to loose them.

I realize that this one article will not change much in those of us who are encrusted with bias feeling, but I hope that some of us will open our mouths and remind those with a bias mouth to shut theirs.

Jackie Chan, a famous Chinese actor and philanthropist tells us:

"We live now in a global village and we are in one single family. It's our responsibility to bring friendship and love from all different places around the world and to live together in peace."

Maya Angelou, an African-American poet reminds us:

"Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all people cry, laugh, eat, worry, and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try to understand each other, one may even become friends."

Isn't life complex? There is so much to learn and at times so much pain. But through it all let us SMILE! A SMILE is a bullet that pierces all sadness and brings hope for brighter moments. So when the chips are down—SMILE! God bless us all. Have a great week!

## Eid Al-Adha

**O**K, we seldom pay attention to our neighbors' festivals, though the neighborhood on Chalan Kanoa often joins the Hindu community when they gather on their feast days near the St. Remedios School.

The two main holidays in Islam are the Eid Al-Fitr, celebrated at the end of a month-long fast in Ramadan, and the Eid Al-Adha after the end of the Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca. The first occasions the giving of zakat (charity); the second recalls the obedience of Abraham in his willingness to sacrifice his son, and the surrender of the son to his fate. A ram appeared to take the son's place in the story.

Since Friday, Muslims around the world began the four feast days culminating today. I am not privy to the observances scheduled by the three nodes (my last count a year ago) of Islamic activities on Saipan, but the tradition involves an animal sacrifice with the meat liberally distributed amongst family, friends, and the poor.

The human factor in sacrificial surrender has always been problematic to the descendants of Abram. Earlier, in the Torah story of Cain the soil cultivator and Abel the animal herder, Abel's sacrifice was deemed acceptable but not Cain's who then murders his brother in anger and is cursed forever.

Abraham's sons Jacob and Ishmael went separate ways, parents to Judaism and Islam. The story of Jacob's two sons, Isaac and Esau, recalls the Cain-Abel story when Isaac deceived Esau of his rightful inheritance. Again, Esau the game hunter was the favored one, and Isaac stayed home in the kitchen tending Mom's home garden! The rift between the shepherds and the orchard growers continues to this day.

The details of the stories are bane only to literalists. Like other metaphorical and mythological renderings, stories mix fact and fiction, a trait discouraged in the deep cleavage between art and science in our time. The truth of stories, however, is not in facticity but in the human experience of practice and wisdom of tra-

dition, abstracted into beliefs and dogmas, on the one hand, and told in stories, on the other. One only has to wander into the architectonic *summa theologiae* of Aquinas' medieval ages synthesis, or walk into ornately decorated cathedrals, or sense the mesmerizing rituals of chants and incense, to understand how the Roman Catholic mental and social hierarchy maintains and lives out of an archaic story.

The two Eids are the unifying symbols of Islam, a predominant geographical presence stretching from Indonesia to Morocco. The ethnic, philosophical, and cultural diversity is immense, but the symbols manage to glue the whole tradition together.

Rifts in traditions are coming to fore as the tools of communication turn more swift and awareness gets more comprehensive. Racial overtones will not sleep lightly during this year's U.S. presidential election. The history of the United States has been one of avoiding the issue of, first, slavery, and later, racism. We had a civil war to settle the first.

Obama's election has been a grudging acknowledgment of the inevitability of the second being overcome! But racism reared its ugly head again when GOP Colin Powell endorsed Obama over Romney. GOP John Sununu declared that the endorsement was racially motivated, and former aide to Powell Lawrence Wilkinson countered that "his GOP is full of racists."

The election in the CNMI is being billed as a test to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's mandate since he became a target of impeachment proceedings for, *inter alia*, corruption. Whether there is enough sentiment and vote to replace those who are perceived to be supporters of the Governor remains to be seen. There is a clear line being drawn here.

Not surprisingly, the charge of corruption is finding its way to the highest echelons of the CPC's rule of China. The last five years saw efforts to remind the Party to follow rules that applies to everyone as the charges of preferential treatment in licensing

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and regulatory matters involving State run trade and commerce to colleagues and relatives has been rampant.

Bo Xilai, a recently removed member of the Politburo, and his high profile lawyer wife Gu Kailai recently sentenced to prison term for the murder of British businessman Neil Heywood, are both children of revered revolutionary generals. They allegedly amassed about \$136 million worth of assets before they fell into disfavor, notwithstanding Bo Xilai's claim that his wife took a subordinate and unprofitable role when he ascended up the party ranks.

Wen Jiabao, current premier and a world-regarded humane and compassionate face in the Zhongguo hierarchy, also a Bo Xilai known nemesis, now has his reputation questioned by no less than the *NYTimes*, alleging that his relatives gained \$1.6 billion while the premier is in office. The charge is not exactly laid down on Wen Jiabao's footstool, for he is also on record since 2007 of decrying his relative's wealth (his mother's a party to the assets) but is unable or unwilling to deal with it, but the bean counters are at their calculators. Wen steps down next year, probably, with less than a sterling reputation.

More than a hundred thousand Muslim refugees in Lebanon living in squalor a year after hostilities began in Syria are not wondering who the sacrificial lambs are this season. They are not feasting.

## Fatsu na dinaña republican

**K**ase dies años antes, i gobietnu ha yute' i republican pot guaha ti minagoffna. Ha establese dispues i pattidan Covenant ni numa'egue' ni siyaña.

Lau ha yute' talu i pattidan Covenant ya ha birague' tatte gi republican. I hinalomña ha chalapun i republican. Dos grupu ha chalapun: republican yan covenant.

Pa'gu, ilegña yan man-gachoñgña gi television, "United We Stand". Dispues de ha yamag ya hana' fan puti un' manadan tautau yan familia ni hagas dumalalakegue"?

Guiya dumulalag yan chumalapon i dos grupu pa'gu kulan monhon ti guiya umisau? Haf' mohon ya un' chage dididi' i hagu mismu dumestrosia—chage i pare na amotmu—na biae? Ti nigap seño'r 'nai man-mafañagu i botado siyah.

### Gi minachum atdau

Gi minachom atdau, magpu i ha'ane, lau mamos megai asuntu man-a'atotpe gi halom hinassota. Yangin tinituhon lina'la' gaige gi preparasion futtunata, pues basnag ennau na asuntu gi haf' taimanu para ta apase ni manadan obligasion familia.

Mientras mas chafleg i pottanmonedan familia, mas kahulu' i gaston nesessitat gi katkuet kinalamten. Tat ti nina' gagalileg gi fache' chinatsaga na biae.

Lastima sa' tres años malofan ta entrega inañgoghta gi este na administrasron para u alibia chinatsaga siha. Tinane' ni buska biña ya ha yute' gi un' banda i ta entragague' na inañgoghu. Gineng diskuiduña na megai man-mamadedese na tiempu gi halom tasin miserable.

Huñgan sumen lastima sa' ta pega ennau na inañgoghu pot da-

ñikulu konfiansata na siña ha lagnos i linahyan ginen sasalaganu chinatsaga. Ti este masusede gi mapos na ochu años. Mas te'ug' i chinatsaga gi tautau siha.

Tinane' ni fuetsaña kumu kabesante ya ha usa gi para u aminasa kontodu i inosiente. Ginen ennau na diskuidu mina' mafnas tod i inañgoghon publiku.

Sumen lastima i uttimon ha'ane 'nai sige ta repasa haf' mas mauleg na planu para 'an mañiana si Yuus gi siguiente dia. Lau taimanu klaru hinassota 'an memegaiña obligasion ke haf' humahalom gi pottanmonedan familia? Lastima!

■ ■ ■

### Man-ñahlalañg

'Nai mattu oran kumuñion, ha ditenegue' i amiguhu fumila pot che'chu' konkabidu. Hu tanchu' tatte i sagan konfisinariu 'nai siñague' ma'asi'i. Gi finagpu' misa, hu ñañgon na muñga mafa' konbinienten "Stop Sign" i konfisinariu 'sino pinateg gu' eñgña ni Saina gi otru biae 'an hafa'gue' i inosiente. Sige si pindehu chumaleg tuyan.

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Sige i nuebu na biudu kumate gi fihon ata'ut asaguaña "Chai". Sige kumate mientras ha sasañgan, "Ai Chai asaguahu si Yuus Maase' pot todus". Era gaige ha' lokue' i hagas achagma'ña otru "Chai" gi fihoña mientras duru kumakate. Dimoñu!

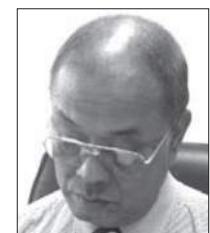
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Mañake si Jose dagun tautau. Masoda' i machete yan na'an che'luna Juan. Makone' si Juan ya mapresu. Sige umesalau i prohimu na i che'luna Jose munasetbe i machete. Makone dispues si Piñg ya mapoñgle. De dios mihi!

■ ■ ■

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Ilegña i amiguhu na ti bulachugue' hombre umason ya ha patnas mataña kontra i satget sin u fan gu'ot para u sustenen maisague'. De dios mihi!

■ ■ ■

Maseha ñgai'an 'nai sineda' ni polisia, ensegitas ma-esposa ya mapresu. Ha faisenu' i prohimu kau matan kriminatgue'. "Kumu malofan ya tiyaña matahu, ha esposayu' ya ha blañkuyu' halom gi presu". Huna komprende ni direchoña. Deste ayu tatnai ma-estotba.

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I tautau-ta mamos man-binenu sekos niha. Hu espiipa un' amku' pot kontratan tuba. Ilegña i bisinu, "O', si Tun Juan Chiba?" Ai, tautau i prohimu ya gai apuyidu lokue'. Ma-introduce-yu' lokue' un' kilisyanyu ni mafanana'an Josen Lodu'. Haf' na kakag i prohimu ya "lodu'" matagpañgeña. A' Saina!

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Debi tana' dinanche tatnai sisida ti umana' halom gi pettan lañget pot tana' lache na'an niha. Maila tana' motmut respetu yan satton gi haf' dinanche na na'an prohimuta.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A rebuttal to Carmen DLG Sablan

The other day Ms. Sablan wrote a scathing attack on Glen Hunter. This should not stand, and needs to be challenged. Engaging in a smear campaign does no good, but Ms. Sablan seems comfortable doing it, even when she ignores the obvious.

*The impeachment didn't go through. Our popularly elected leaders in the House told Glen "no." They did what their constituents—who overwhelmingly support the governor—told them to do. But Glen just won't stop.*

There is a reason that Mr. Hunter, and hundreds of others, won't stop. The governor and his minions in the Legislature have destroyed the CHC, the CUC, the Retirement Fund, and the public trust. Add to that the sole-source, no-bid contracts; the midnight massage; and the shadowy dealings, going back to the days of Abramoff. That is what must stop: a long, disturbing history of mismanagement and abuse of power.

*We want to move on, for our common good and solving our real problems. Everyone except Glen wants to move on, that is.*

Fine, except you left out the part about who caused the problems. It wasn't Mr. Hunter.

*Glen tries to pit brother against brother, trying to break indigenous family allegiances that have lasted centuries, and will likely outlive Glen. In our house, brothers stand together. Maybe not in Glen's house.*

Yes, the base of abuse is strong here. And yet there are still people who long for an honest and accountable government, even within the families. I have no idea what goes on in Mr. Hunter's house. That's his business. I don't quite understand your swipe at Tina Sablan, who is true blue. Were it not for her, we would never have seen the video of DPS officers escorting Buckingham, when he ran away from justice, assaulting Ms. Sablan in the process.

*Glen talks about "future steps" that he will not live to see—is he fantasizing about replacing the CNMI's culture, traditions, and history with his own?*

When you mix "culture, traditions, and history," you muddy the

waters of discussion. Certainly the Chamorro people have a language, music, and a rich heritage. But the government is a different matter; and its tradition and history has been one of neglect, abuse, and favoritism. If there is a fantasy, it is that one day the bad government will be replaced with a good one. This means with people who are honest and forthright, who do not break the law, and who act in the best interests of all of the people here.

*Governor Fitial remains our governor, and Glen's accusations are baseless. Now that we've gone through this exercise, will Glen join the rest of us at the table and move forward in helping the CNMI, or will he continue denying reality?*

Yes, Mr. Fitial is still at the helm. But Mr. Hunter's accusations are not baseless if you read the articles of impeachment. They are very precise and damning. The only reason Mr. Fitial is still in power is because of his connections in the Legislature, the DPS, and his supporters—most of whom owe him their jobs. People with brains and integrity—such as Mr. Hunter—remain respectfully opposed to what has occurred, and is still occurring, in the CNMI. It is indefensible.

**Russ Mason  
Oleai**

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▾ 78°	▲ 88° ▾ 78°	▲ 88° ▾ 78°	▲ 88° ▾ 78°	▲ 88° ▾ 78°

## Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▾ 78
Palau	Showers	▲ 86 ▾ 77
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89 ▾ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 87 ▾ 78
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▾ 76
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▾ 76
Majuro	Showers	▲ 88 ▾ 82

## Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▾ 55
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 57 ▾ 34
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 78 ▾ 70
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▾ 74
London	Showers	▲ 52 ▾ 39
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 81 ▾ 57
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▾ 77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▾ 54
Miami	Sunny	▲ 76 ▾ 54
New York	Rain	▲ 62 ▾ 54
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▾ 53
Paris	Cloudy	▲ 51 ▾ 40
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 64 ▾ 48
Rome	Showers	▲ 58 ▾ 45
Salem	Rain	▲ 59 ▾ 57
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▾ 57
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 52 ▾ 37
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▾ 51
Washington, DC	Rain	▲ 52 ▾ 42

## Tides

### Sunrise/Sunset

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:12 AM	5:49 PM	Today	5:20 PM	5:27 AM
Tuesday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM	Tuesday	6:03 PM	6:16 AM
Wednesday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM	Wednesday	6:47 PM	7:06 AM
Thursday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM	Thursday	7:32 PM	7:55 AM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM	Friday	8:20 PM	8:44 AM

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCT. 27, 2012

### DEPARTURES

#### GUAM (GUM)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

#### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:05am	7:55am	Daily
UA5073	9:50am	10:40am	Daily
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

#### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

#### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily

#### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:10pm	Daily

#### SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

#### SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)

UZ608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7
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#### PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)

OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Stop corruption but vote for progress

I'm sure no voter wants corruption in their government and I'm not out to defend anyone who is deemed corrupt by a court of law. But I knew the impeachment was a political ploy, not real since Day 1 and my only quest in this election season has been to promote the best candidate for the U. S. Congress. I warned voters that Kilili and the IRs didn't have a plan or platform for this election but they did take advantage of the dislike for the governor and turned this election season into an impeachment season. This was all choreographed for voters and now it is playing out just as planned and like I predicted. I'll show you what I mean because voters can stop corruption but they must vote for progress:

Most of this election season has already been spent on the impeachment and now that it is over the leaders behind the impeachment decide to stage an impeachment protest after the fact. The time for the impeachment protest was when the legislative hearings were taking place if you truly wanted to influence the minds and hearts of the majority—didn't happen.

Kilili and his supporters have constantly referred to Dr. Ach as the governor's candidate to slander her by association which is the only shot they can take at

the truly superior candidate but not a word on Kilili's platform. Kilili has spent thousands on TV ads that use subliminal seduction to play on your emotions to say how nice he is but not one word on his plans. Kilili's supporter even had the nerve to ask Dr. Acha for her platform. To make it worse Kilili is still promoting the same things he accomplished with ARRA in his first term. What happened this last term—nothing new? Does Kilili really think voters are that dumb to buy the same old thing after four years? Kilili is still promoting laptops from four years ago when Dr. Acha wants to create jobs and more skills training for our youth to get a job and have a better future—laptops or jobs you decide.

Kilili is playing great CNMI politics to get re-elected but our politics won't do him or us a bit of good in Congress. Being an independent in Congress trying to side with the Democrats is a political joke on the people of the CNMI. He is only maintaining this independent position so he can win here by getting support of the Covenant, IRs, and others but that is counterproductive to what he and the CNMI needs in Congress—we need a true Democrat or Republican! Kilili is one of the only two peo-

ple in Congress not a member of either party leaving the CNMI team-less in Congress.

Kilili has finally come to the forefront on the impeachment which actually violates the trust of the people as he does represent all the people. Well a lot if not the majority of people are not for the impeachment which is why Kilili should have remained neutral—some leader of all the people playing politics to get re-elected. I am against corruption too and it should be duly noted by voters that it is corrupt to propose an impeachment you know won't pass. It is corrupt to propose and impeachment just to get people upset to be re-elected. It is corrupt when Kilili goes out on his own to write legislation that favors aliens over locals in the job market without the input of the Legislature, the governor, or the people! It is corrupt to propose cutting off the head of government with no accepted alternative leadership plan. What is the consensus of the people on the lieutenant governor taking over and there is no guarantee what his leadership offers or will do—another reason for a Dr. Acha's poll. We could be jumping from the frying pan into the fire following Kilili and the IRs figuratively.

You also have a responsibility to the people of Saipan to be physically able to perform the duties of that position. Your absence from the senatorial debate, although unavoidable, mirrors your attendance over the past few months and perhaps, is indicative of what we the people of Saipan can expect in the future.

Senate attendance records supplied to me through the

FYI Kilili and IRs, many voters would like to know what are you going to do for the CNMI other than protest! FYI voters, if Kilili and the IRs truly wanted to stop corruption their protest signs would read "Pass the Initiative for an Elected AG"—but that won't help their campaign for re-election one bit—voters are being played like a violin figuratively. Kilili and the IRs want to keep voters mad and

focused on the governor, not on the election, the candidates and solving the problem. Voters need to wake up because they are being manipulated in a political ploy that was designed to get people re-elected, not impeached. An elected AG is how to really stop anything being perceived as corruption in government, not protesting an impeachment that is over! Voters need to and should be vetting the

52 candidates and deciding on who are the best candidates, not protesting for election season—for true. One people, one direction for voters to stop corruption with a check and balance on government with a polling system and with an elected AG—vote for progress and the power of the polls for the people by Dr. Acha

**Ambrose M. Bennett**  
Kagman

### An open letter to Sen. Luis P. Crisostimo

As a community we join in prayer for your recovery. Being ill is not fun and cancer is not something that should be taken lightly.

Having said that, I am perplexed as to why you have not withdrawn your candidacy for re-election to the Senate. I would think that your first priority would be trying to regain your health. Members of your extended family to whom I have spoken seem to share my concerns.

You also have a responsibility to the people of Saipan to be physically able to perform the duties of that position. Your absence from the senatorial debate, although unavoidable, mirrors your attendance over the past few months and perhaps, is indicative of what we the people of Saipan can expect in the future.

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Open Government Act quantify that you attended 22 of 27 Senate sessions in 2010, 16 of 24 in 2011, and only five of 16 from Jan. 1 through Sept. 28, 2012. That is a 35.8 percent absentee rate. Add to this the fact that these figures do not include missed sessions in October 2012, it appears that your absentee number is approaching four out of every 10 sessions.

Just curious: Are the salaries of lawmakers prorated when they miss sessions and/or meetings? That is a discussion for another day.

Voting record: Statistics again obtained through the Open Government Act indicate that in 2010, you abstained from voting on issues seven (7) times, nine (9) instances in 2011, and once in 2012. A few of these occurrences might have been conflicts of interest but most certainly not all seventeen.

You were elected to be deci-

sive and not "sit on the fence." That number seems rather high, at least from my perspective. Someone else or preferably you, Senator Crisostimo, might wish to weigh in on this issue.

To the voters of the CNMI: We are a divided community. However, most of the remarks from both sides at the October House Impeachment session did agree on one thing. We have had to endure a "do nothing" Legislature for three very long years.

Change is needed!

I cannot imagine giving some of these lawmakers a second chance on Nov. 6; their dismal performances do not warrant it. Please, please, please vote wisely. The future of the Commonwealth depends upon it.

"Fool me once, shame on you! Fool me twice, shame on me!"

**Richard Puhalla**  
Capitol Hill



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This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of excavation & removal of existing gate valves and installation of new 6-inch and 8-inch gate valve and fire hydrant assemblies connected to a 6-inch or 8-inch main waterline. Payment is only for the item as completely installed and accepted by the CUC. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bidding Documents may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 23, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement Koblerville, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 29, 2012** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Acting Executive Director



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-13-004

##### INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-13-004

Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).**

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines on Gloria Drive, Ocean View Drive, Isla Drive and Puerto St. Installation of new PRVs, gate valves, and construction of new booster pump station. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bidding Documents may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-004, Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 20, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price and Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2012** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water Engineer via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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# Pretty in pink for breast cancer awareness

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Breast cancer awareness advocates were pretty in pink last Oct. 26 for the 2012 Pinktober Concert held at Hard Rock Café Saipan in Garapan.

A crowd of over 300 took part in the annual celebration, which saw an overwhelming increase in turnout compared to last year's event according to Hard Rock Saipan restaurant manager Mikka Valencia.

"Our supporters even exerted effort to wear pink for the event," Valencia told *Saipan Tribune*. "I think that the cancer epidemic has brought together more and more people who want to help and support efforts to raise awareness in our community."

The 2012 Pinktober Concert is a collaboration between Hard Rock and Commonwealth Cancer Association, the community-based non-profit group dedicated to promoting cancer awareness and prevention, providing patient support services, and serving as the liaison and advocate for cancer issues in the CNMI.

"People responded to our event and were very supportive. We want to thank them for helping a very good cause," said CCA program manager Juan L. Babauta in an interview at the concert venue.

Besides CCA, two other organizations will also receive assistance through the Pinktober festivity. Valencia said many of the guests bought limited edition Pinktober merchandise offered by Hard Rock to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and the Caron Keating Foundation.

Friday's event featured high-powered performances from



High Pitch performs on stage at the 2012 Pinktober Concert held at the Hard Rock Café Saipan in Garapan Friday night.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

local entertainers, including the Absolute 3, Jerry and the Gigolo's, Marvin Espeleta, Rose Ajoste Band, and High Pitch.

A video presentation was also played at the event, showcasing CCA's programs and activities, including the Marianas March Against Cancer fundraiser, and its various partners and sponsors.

CCA also held a raffle draw to give away exciting prizes donated by different local establishments on island, including travel vouchers, cellular phones, and other giveaways.

L.J. Castro, who was celebrating his 30th birthday, served as Friday night's host.

The signature event for the Breast Cancer Awareness Month celebration was highlighted by the lighting of white

candles tied with pink ribbons to offer a "silent prayer" in honor of those who have passed on, those who have survived, and those who are still battling

breast cancer.

While CCA does its best to raise public awareness about breast and other types of cancer, Babauta reminded the

community to see their doctor regularly since "early detection is the best way."

"We want everyone to stand up against breast cancer. Stand

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 2nd birthday to my god-daughter Clarissa Ada Sablan. Hope you enjoy your special day my baby girl. Greeting from Nina Stacy, Nino Shabo and Seancy John, Shacey Jane, and ShabJae.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to Jasmin Emalyn S. Pagaduan! God bless and we love you! From Mom, Dad, Lusy, Trista, Bik, Roma, R.J., Oteza, Mika, Mikey Boy, and Fael.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to Miguel Naputi. We hope you have a wonderful birthday! We love you! From Mom, Dad, Miki, and family.



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-13-005 SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF OFFICE SUPPLIES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of office supplies for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Packet may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of \$50.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Supply & Delivery of Office Supplies" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 21, 2012**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **October 25, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this bid must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 30, 2012** to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles\_warren@cucgov.org.

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Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-13-007 AUTOMOBILE RENTAL SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for Automobile Rental Services on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Packet may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of \$50.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Automobile Rental Services" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 19, 2012**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **October 26, 2012 at 1:00 PM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this bid must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 29, 2012** to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles\_warren@cucgov.org.

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up and get our efforts together to fight this disease," said Babauta.

He thanked Hard Rock Café for partnering with CCA and noted that the civic group, particularly its hardworking committee members, are now gearing up for their annual fundraisers in 2013.

For more information, visit CCA at Gualo Rai Plaza along Middle Road, log on to www.ccamarianas.org, call 682-0050 or email ccamarianas@gmail.com.

## Airline employee allegedly stole \$22K from company

Police arrested Wednesday an airline employee who allegedly stole \$22,723.69 from the company's daily sales.

Rayburn Dolmers C. Espangeli, 29, a pax service agent of Unlimited Service Group who is facing theft charges, was taken to the Superior Court Friday afternoon for a bail hearing. His bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

Police detective Vincent S. Salas stated in his report that a police officer responded Wednesday afternoon to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport after receiving a report of a theft incident.

Salas said investigation showed that a recent audit conducted by Unlimited Service Group revealed several discrepancies in the sales reports, leading to the identification of Espangeli as the suspect.

Unlimited Service Group cleans aircraft and is in charge of the operations of the former Cape Air.

Salas said that when the officer asked Espangeli how he stole the money, the suspect allegedly explained that, as an employee of United Service Group, he and a co-worker have access to a safe box. The co-worker would first open the outer lock, then he would open the inner lock. Once the day's sales are accounted for, the co-worker would leave, trusting that Espangeli would secure the sales back in the box.

When he's alone, Espangeli would allegedly pocket a portion of the sales before securing the remainder in the safe box.

Salas said that in an interview with another detective, Espangeli allegedly provided a full statement detailing how he stole the money.

Espangeli explained that he began working for the company in 2011 and that in a short period of time he became a supervisor and was placed in charge of sales.

Espangeli allegedly admitted that sometime in August 2012 he began taking a portion of the money from the daily sales and would use the sales from the next day to replenish the amount he took. The amount, however, gradually became too big for the suspect to cover up. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mayor's Office Conference Room, 1st Floor, in San Jose Village, Tinian.

### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
  - 1. Call to Order
  - 2. Roll Call
  - 3. Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS<sup>1</sup>
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION<sup>2</sup>
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - 1. Declaration of Income and Expenditures Form - Action
  - 2. 2012 Fall Semester, Academic Year 2012-2013 Applications - Action
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - 1. Proposed Rules and Regulations Comments - Action
  - 2. Status on 2012 Fall Semester Awards and Disbursement - Action
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
- VIII. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

/S/ LYDIA F. BARCINAS  
Chairwoman

<sup>1</sup> We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each.  
<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time. Individuals with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB Office 48 hours prior to scheduled meeting for assistance.

# Business

## Calif Latino grocery chain fights immigration woes

**FRESNO, Calif.** (AP)—Two decades ago, Mi Pueblo Food Center began modestly as a small butcher shop run by an illegal immigrant. Now, the supermarket that caters to the Latino immigrant community has grown into a popular chain of 21 stores in California.

But with growth and success

## Spain anti-austerity protests draw thousands

**MADRID** (AP)—Several thousand people marched to Spain's parliament in an anti-austerity protest Saturday, but were held back from surrounding the building by metal rail barricades and a large police presence.

The "Surround parliament" protest group had called on people to gather at Plaza de Espana and march on the legislature to express their opposition to spending cuts and tax hikes introduced by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's government.

## FDA: Pharmacy tied to outbreak knew of bacteria

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Staffers at a pharmacy linked to the deadly meningitis outbreak documented dozens of cases of mold and bacteria growing in rooms that were supposed to be sterile, according to federal health inspectors.

In a preliminary report on conditions at the pharmacy, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday that even when the contamination at New England Compounding Center exceeded the company's own safety levels, there is no evidence that staffers investigated or corrected the problem. The FDA

The New England Com-

have come scrutiny from federal immigration authorities and clashes with a union that wants to represent Mi Pueblo's 3,200 workers and is leading a consumer boycott.

The predicament is thorny for a family-owned firm that relies almost exclusively on Latino immigrants for its workforce

"We are feeling what is happening to us in a way that most

their disapproval of government public sector cuts while offering financial support to ailing banks.

"And now they are going to give banks a bailout, rescue them as if they were princesses," said Alan Pipo, 70.

"They should be put out on the streets, just like all those families who are being evicted from their homes because they are unable to keep up with mortgage payments."

Thousands also marched in the Barcelona to protest educa-

and its customer base. companies might not, because we are founded by an immigrant and depend on immigrants to survive," said Perla Rodriguez, spokeswoman for the San Jose, Calif.-based company.

She said the company did not knowingly hire any illegal immigrants.

To San Jose-based United

tion cuts in the northeastern region of Catalonia.

Earlier, about 3,000 off-duty police officers had also demonstrated to protest the government's austerity measures, including the cancellation of their Christmas bonuses.

The police protest blocked one of the capital's central boulevards opposite the Interior Ministry. On-duty police officers watched as their off-duty colleagues demonstrated by throwing fireworks and chanting slogans.

Food and Commercial Workers Local 5, which has been organizing Mi Pueblo workers around the state, the company's move to E-Verify in mid-August meant one thing only: the self-styled immigrant-friendly employer was cooperating with ICE.

The Obama administration has increasingly relied on workplace audits as an alternative to immigration raids in which

agents with weapons handcuffed workers and placed them in deportation proceedings.

But the move toward the so-called "silent raids"—which have increased from 254 to 2,736 in the past five years—has carried unintended consequences for some employers.

They have to fire workers who lack employment authorization, but they also can face the ire of labor unions.

**Mi Pueblo  
FOOD CENTER**



AP  
In this Oct. 17, 2012 photo, customers order food at Mi Pueblo Foods store in Mountain View, Calif. The grocery chain that provides the Latino immigrant community with an authentic shopping experience has grown into a chain of 21 stores in Northern and Central California.



### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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### Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Car Rental Concessions CPA-RFP-011-12

#### Request for Proposals

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of Six (6) Rental Car Concessions at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Proposal packages can be obtained beginning October 5, 2012 at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of \$50.00 per package. The pre-bid conference will be held on **October 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.** at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Departure Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to the Executive Director, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and received by the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) on **November 16, 2012**, by or **before 4:30 p.m.**, in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on **November 19, 2012**, at 2:00 p.m., at the CPA Conference Room.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject proposals in accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations.



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### Tinian International Airport Car Rental Concessions CPA-RFP-012-12

#### Request for Proposals

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of three (3) Rental Car Concessions at the Tinian International Airport.

Proposal packages can be obtained beginning October 5, 2012 at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of \$50.00 per package. The pre-bid conference will be held on **October 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.** at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Departure Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to the Executive Director, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and received by the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) on **November 16, 2012**, by or **before 4:30 p.m.**, in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on **November 19, 2012**, at 2:00 p.m., at the CPA Conference Room.

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### Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport Car Rental Concessions CPA-RFP-013-12

#### Request for Proposals

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of three (3) Rental Car Concessions at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport.

Proposal packages can be obtained beginning October 5, 2012 at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of \$50.00 per package. The pre-bid conference will be held on **October 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.** at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Departure Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to the Executive Director, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and received by the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) on **November 16, 2012**, by or **before 4:30 p.m.**, in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on **November 19, 2012**, at 2:00 p.m., at the CPA Conference Room.

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/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO  
Executive Director

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# Nation

## US superstorm threat launches mass evacuations

**SHIP BOTTOM, N.J.** (AP)—

Forget distinctions like tropical storm or hurricane. Don't get fixated on a particular track. Wherever it hits, the rare behemoth storm inexorably gathering in the eastern U.S. will afflict a third of the country with sheets of rain, high winds and heavy snow, say officials who warned millions in coastal areas to get out of the way.

"We're looking at impact of greater than 50 to 60 million people," said Louis Uccellini, head of environmental prediction for the National Oceanic and Atmo-

spheric Administration.

As Hurricane Sandy barreled north from the Caribbean—where it left nearly five dozen dead—to meet two other powerful winter storms, experts said it didn't matter how strong the storm was when it hit land: The rare hybrid storm that follows will cause havoc over 800 miles from the East Coast to the Great Lakes.

"This is not a coastal threat alone," said Craig Fugate, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "This is a very large area."

President Barack Obama was monitoring the storm and working with state and locals governments to make sure they get the resources needed to prepare, administration officials said.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie declared a state of emergency Saturday as hundreds of coastal residents started moving inland and the state was set to close its casinos. New York's governor was considering shutting down the subways to avoid flooding and half a dozen states warned residents to prepare for several days of lost power.



Store workers Fletcher Birch, right, and Jay Kleman finish boarding up the windows on a surf store in Ocean City, Md., on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 as Hurricane Sandy approaches the Atlantic coast.

## Romney woos Florida early vote; Obama eyes NH

**LAND O'LAKES, Fla.** (AP)—Juggling politics and storm preparations, Mitt Romney dangled a plea for bipartisanship before early voters in Florida on Saturday as Barack

Obama worked to nail down tiny New Hampshire's four electoral votes. Both campaigns scrambled to steer clear of a most unlikely October surprise, a superstorm barreling up the East Coast.

With just 10 days left in an extraordinarily tight race, Hurricane Sandy had both campaigns ripping up carefully mapped-out itineraries as they worked to maximize voter turnout and avoid any suggestion that they

were putting politics ahead of public safety.

The campaigns pressed every possible angle in search of advantage—even paying attention to punctuation.

Obama's campaign signs for months have said: "Forward." Now they say: "Forward!"

Romney, who has been striking a more moderate tone as he courts women and independents in the campaign's home stretch, campaigned across Florida with a pledge to "build bridges" with the other party.

He coupled that message with digs at Obama for "shrinking from the magnitude of the times" and advancing an agen-

da that lacks vision. Noting that Obama supporters like to chant "four more years" at the president's campaign rallies, Romney picked up on his crowd's own chant at the Pensacola Civic Center and said: "I like '10 more days' a lot better."

His warm-up act was more biting: Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., told the crowd that Obama was advancing "the ideas of countries that people come here to get away from." Pressed later on what countries he was referring to, Rubio said, "any big-government country in the world" and specifically referred to Mexico and Latin America.

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## Tensions mount as police grab protesters in China

**NINGBO, China** (AP)—

Dozens of riot police officers marched toward crowds of people protesting over a chemical factory in an eastern Chinese city and bundled some demonstrators into government offices Sunday, raising tensions a day after clashes between thousands of residents and police.

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Saturday. The residents were protesting a plan to expand a petrochemical factory because of pollution fears.

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### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### UN says 22,000 displaced in Myanmar unrest

**SITTWE, Myanmar** (AP)—The top U.N. official in Myanmar says 22,000 people have been displaced in the country's strife-torn west after a week of violence between Buddhists and Muslims. Ashok Nigam says those who fled homes over the last week included members of both groups. The latest figures push the total displaced to nearly 100,000 since clashes broke out in June between ethnic Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims. Ashok says getting aid to the new wave of displaced will be a challenge as some fled on boat and others have sought refuge on isolated hilltops. Askok spoke to The Associated Press on Sunday from a camp outside the Rakhine state capital, Sittwe.

ported. Civil Defense chief Benito Ramos said three of nine people who had been missing were found alive. More than 30,000 people stranded at seaports and airports since early in the week have resumed their journeys after Tropical Storm Son-Tinh left the Philippines late Friday. The storm gained strength as it blew westward toward Vietnam at 22 kilometers (14 miles) per hour with sustained winds of 85 kph (53 mph) and maximum winds of 100 kph (62 mph).

#### Philippine bus accident leaves 6 dead, 43 injured

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A speeding passenger bus has slammed into a concrete wall surrounding a house after its brakes failed while negotiating a downhill curve in an accident that killed six people and injured 43 others the central Philippines. Police Investigator Celso Makidato says the impact hurled the bus conductor out of the vehicle in the accident Saturday night in Cebu province's Toledo city. All the casualties were from the bus, including the driver, who was arrested. Makidato told The Associated Press on Sunday that a passenger bus also lost its brakes and crashed into the same house a year ago in an accident that left 15 people dead. Many accidents in the country are blamed on poorly maintained vehicles and roads and inadequate driver training.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### NYC nanny not herself before children's killings

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Friends and relatives of Yoselyn Ortega, the New York City nanny accused of stabbing two young children to death, said she appeared to be struggling emotionally and financially recently. Few, though, could offer any explanation for what might have caused her to attack the children. "She snapped," the nanny's sister, Celia Ortega, told The New York Post. "We don't understand what happened to her mind." Yoselyn Ortega, 50, remained hospitalized Saturday from self-inflicted stab wounds, including a deep gash to her throat. Police said Marina Krim, the Manhattan mother who employed Ortega, returned to her Upper West Side apartment Thursday to find two of her children, ages 2 and 6, dead of knife wounds and the nanny stabbing herself with the blade.

#### Rubio's daughter in fair condition after accident

**LAKEWOOD CREST, Fla.** (AP)—The 12-year-old daughter of Florida Sen. Marco Rubio was in fair condition Saturday evening at Miami Children's Hospital after she was airlifted there following a golf-cart accident in a gated community, the senator's office said. The Republican senator was notified of the accident while coming off stage after a rally with GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney Saturday afternoon. The senator campaigned with Romney at two Florida rallies on Saturday and was scheduled to attend a third before being picked up by a state police cruiser along Romney's motorcade route. Rubio spokesman Alex Conant wrote in an email late Saturday that Amanda, who is the senator's oldest daughter, was in "fair condition" after the afternoon accident.

# Asia

## Indonesia: Suspects planned attack on US Embassy

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—

Indonesia's anti-terror squad arrested 11 people suspected of planning a range of attacks on domestic and foreign targets including the U.S. Embassy and a site near the Australian Embassy, police said Saturday.

The suspects were arrested in raids Friday and Saturday in four provinces, national police spokesman Maj. Gen. Suhardi Alius said.

He said the suspects belonged to a new group called the Harakah Sunni for Indonesian Society, or HASMI.

"From evidence found at the scene, we believe that this group was well prepared for serious terror attacks," Alius said.

It was unclear how far the

plans had advanced.

Alius said police are still investigating whether the group has ties with established terrorist organizations such as Jemaah Islamiyah. An investigator who spoke in condi-

tion of anonymity because he was not authorized to provide information to the media said HASMI's apparent leader, Abu Hanifah, was a Jemaah Islamiyah sympathizer.

Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation, has been battling terrorists since the 2002 bombings in Bali by militants linked to Jemaah Islamiyah which killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists.

Subsequent attacks have claimed more than 50 people, mostly Indonesians. The government has arrested more than 700 suspected terrorists and killed dozens more in an attempt to root out militants.

Earlier this month, police warned of a terrorist threat in Bali targeting a ceremony commemorating the 10th anniversary of the bombings. The country's security alert was raised to its highest level.

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government compound.

The protesters' fairly cheerful mood turned tense and people threw plastic bottles and shouted "Release the people" over and over again.

On Saturday, residents reported that protests involved thousands of people and turned violent after authorities used tear gas and arrested participants. Authorities said "a few" people disrupted public order by staging sit-ins, unfurling banners, distributing fliers and obstructing roads. Authorities said that the proposed project was under evaluation and that the public was being given opportunities to offer its input.

# World

## Bombings, clashes leave Syria truce in tatters

**BEIRUT (AP)**—A Syrian warplane flattened a three-story building, suspected rebels detonated a deadly car bomb and both sides traded gunfire in several hotspots across the country Saturday, activists said, leaving a U.N.-backed holiday truce in tatters on its second day.

The unraveling of the cease-fire marked the latest setback to ending Syria's civil war through diplomacy. Foreign military intervention is unlikely, raising the grim prospect of a drawn-out war of attrition between President Bashar Assad and those trying to topple him.

### Libyan witnesses recount organized Benghazi attack

**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)**—It began around nightfall on Sept. 11 with around 150 bearded gunmen, some wearing the Afghan-style tunics favored by Islamic militants, sealing off the streets leading to the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi. They set up roadblocks with pick-up trucks mounted with heavy machine guns, according to witnesses.

The trucks bore the logo of Ansar al-Shariah, a powerful local group of Islamist militants who worked with the municipal government to manage security in Benghazi, the main city in eastern Libya and birthplace of the uprising last year that ousted Moammar Gadhafi after a 42-year dictatorship.

There was no sign of a spontaneous protest against an American-made movie denigrating Islam's Prophet Muhammad. But a lawyer passing by the scene said he saw the militants gathering around 20 youths from

The proposed four-day truce during the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha had been a long shot from the start since international mediator Lakhdar Brahimi failed to get solid commitments from all combatants.

Fighting dropped off in the first hours of the cease-fire Friday, but by the end of the day, activists said 151 people had been killed in bombings and shootings, a standard daily toll in Syria.

On Saturday, the first regime airstrike since the start of the truce reduced a three-story building in the Arbeen sub-

urb of the capital, Damascus to rubble, killing at least eight men, said the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which compiles reports from activists.

In the remote eastern town of Deir el-Zour, assailants detonated a car bomb near a military police compound, then opened fire at those rushing to the scene, killing a total of eight people and causing extensive damage, the Observatory said. Syrian media denied there were casualties.

The attack bore the hallmarks of Jabhat al-Nusra, a radical rebel-allied Islamic group that has re-

jected the cease-fire.

The Syrian air force also bombed rebel positions Saturday during a fierce battle for control over the main road linking Aleppo, Syria's largest city, with the capital, activists said. Earlier this month, rebels seized Maaret al-Numan, a town along the highway and besieged a nearby military base, disrupting regime supply routes to the northern provinces of Aleppo and Idlib.

"The regime can't accept the current military status quo without a fight and the rebels have no reason to since they believe they have the momentum," said

soldiers, activists said. The Observatory reported deadly regime shelling and sniper attacks in several locations, while Syrian state-media said rebels ambushed a number of military positions.

Military analyst Joe Holliday said neither side has an incentive to halt fighting, noting that rebels have disrupted regime supply routes to the northern provinces of Aleppo and Idlib. "The regime can't accept the current military status quo without a fight and the rebels have no reason to since they believe they have the momentum," said

Holliday, a researcher at the Institute for the Study of War in Washington.

Brahimi's spokesman declined comment Saturday on the apparent failure of his initiative. It's not clear what Brahimi's next move could be, since the international community is divided over the Syria conflict that erupted 19 months ago.

Assad allies Russia and China have shielded the regime against harsher U.N. Security Council sanctions, while the rebels' foreign backers have shied away from military intervention.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Magnitude-7.7 quake strikes off western Canada

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)**—A magnitude 7.7 earthquake struck off the west coast of Canada and a tsunami warning was issued, authorities said, but there were no immediate reports of major damage. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake hit the Queen Charlotte Islands just after 8 p.m. local time Saturday at a depth of about 3 miles (5 kilometers) and was centered 96 miles (155 kilometers) south of Masset, British Columbia. The National Weather Service issued a tsunami warning for coastal areas of British Columbia and southern Alaska. The first wave of the small tsunami, about 4 inches (101.6 millimeters), hit the southeast Alaska coastal community of Craig. A 1.5-foot (.46-meter) wave was reported off Langara Island on the northeast tip of Queen Charlotte, ac-

cording to the Emergency Info British Columbia.

#### Sandy gone, Caribbean mourns 58 dead, cleans up

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**—The Caribbean death toll from Hurricane Sandy rose again sharply on Saturday, even as the storm swirled away toward the U.S. East Coast. Officials said the hurricane system has cost at least 58 lives in addition to destroying or badly damaging thousands of homes. While Jamaica, Cuba and the Bahamas took direct hits from the storm, the majority of deaths and most extensive damage was in impoverished Haiti, where it has rained almost non-stop since Tuesday. The official death toll in Haiti stood at 44 Saturday, but authorities said that could still rise. The country's ramshackle housing and denuded hillsides are especially vulnerable to flooding when rains come.

*In Celebration of his new life*

**+Pedro Camacho  
San Nicolas**

**February 04, 1958 – October 24, 2012**

**In his new life, he now joins his:**

**Parents:** Francisco Atoigue San Nicolas  
Josepha Rios Camacho San Nicolas

**Parents In Law:** Rueben C. Guiao

**He is survived by:**

**Wife:** Rosario Guiao San Nicolas

**Children and Grandchildren:**

Francis Robin G. and Shyrlyn L. San Nicolas (James Patrick, Earl Gabriel)  
Peter John G. and Irish Ann San Nicolas (John Isaac)  
Joseph Vincent G. San Nicolas / Maria Corazon (Jaze Enzo)  
Antonette G. San Nicolas / Joseph J. Villagomez (Bernard Justin, Angelina, Jeremiah)

**Mother-In-Law:** Vicenta D. Guiao

**He is additionally survived by numerous brothers, sisters, in-laws, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.**

**Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each evening at 6:00 p.m. at San Roque Church.**

**Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30 a.m. to San Roque Church. Responso Service will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary at 8:15 a.m.**

**Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Sanctuario PAX Memorial Gardens where he will be at a peaceful rest.**

**Please join us in prayers,**

**Rosario "Rose" Guiao San Nicolas, Children and Family**

## Focus

**LIANGJIAHE, China** (AP)—The next leader of China spent much of his youth living in a dug-out cave.

Xi Jinping's seven years in this remote northern community meant toiling alongside villagers by day and sleeping on bricks by night, in stark contrast to his pampered early years in Beijing. He was born into the communist elite, but after his father fell out of favor with Mao Zedong—and before his later rehabilitation, the younger Xi was sent to a rural hinterland to learn peasant virtues at age 15.

The Liangjiahe years are among the scant details known about Xi's life and personality partly because he himself chronicled them as a formative experience. They are part of the vague picture of a man who has drawn little attention during much of his political career but is poised to become ruling party chief next month and president next year of an increasingly assertive China.

What is clear is that Xi has excelled at quietly rising through the ranks by making the most of two facets: He has an elite, educated background with links to communist China's founding fathers that are a crucial advantage in the country's politics, and at the same time he has successfully cultivated a common man mystique that helps him appeal to a broad constituency. He even gave up a promising Beijing post in his late 20s to return to the countryside.

He did not at first come willingly, however, to Liangjiahe, a tiny community of cave dwellings dug into arid hills and fronted by dried mud walls with wooden lattice entryways. He tried to escape and was detained. Villagers remember a tall bookworm who eventually earned their respect.

"He was always very sincere and worked hard alongside us. He was also a big reader of really thick books," said Shi Chunyang, then a friend of Xi and now a local official.

It is in the nature of China's politics that relatively little is known about Xi's policy leanings. He is not associated with any bold reforms. Aspiring officials get promoted by encouraging economic growth, tamping down social unrest and toeing the line set by Beijing, not by charismatic displays of initiative.

Xi's resume in provincial posts suggest he is open to private industry and some administrative reforms as long as they don't jeopardize the Communist Party's monopoly on power. He likes Hollywood flicks about World War II and has a daughter at Harvard University under an assumed name, though he has signaled he may be a staunch Chinese nationalist.

Tall, heavyset and married to a popular folk singer in the military, Xi is at ease in groups, in contrast to China's typically stiff and aloof leaders, such as current President Hu Jintao.

A Xi administration is expected to pursue a more forceful foreign policy based on Beijing's belief that its chief rival Washington is in decline and that China's rise to global pre-eminence is within reach.

"Xi was chosen in part because he has the large, assertive, confident personality to lead in that kind of strategy," said Andrew Nathan, an expert on Chinese politics at New York's Columbia University.

Xi will confront daunting challeng-

private businessmen who are creating the bulk of new jobs.

With help from his father, Xi jumped in 1985 to a vice mayorship in the port of Xiamen, then at the forefront of economic reforms. Over the next 17 years, he built a reputation for attracting investment and eschewing the banqueting expected of Chinese officials. He hung a banner saying "Get it done" in a provincial office lobby.

He later took the top position in neighboring Zhejiang province, a hotbed of private industry, a lively civil society, non-communist candidates for local assemblies and a thriving underground church movement. Xi was seen as allowing minor local administrative reforms, while not initiating any of them.

"He's not going to do anything to weaken party control, but at the least you can say he's concerned with the lives of farmers and ordinary people," said Li Baiguang, a human rights lawyer in Zhejiang at the time.

Xi tried to dramatically reverse the government's poor reputation for accountability by clearing a backlog of citizen complaints in a one-day blitz in the city of Quzhou. He set up 15 temporary offices to address complaints over land seizures, job benefits and other issues, drawing 300 petitioners and resolving 70 cases.

Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson once called him a "guy who really knows how to get over the goal line."

After a brief spell in charge of Shanghai, Xi was brought to Beijing and handed the high-profile task of overseeing the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He's also in charge of managing relations with the former British colony of Hong Kong.

Some evidence of a strong nationalist streak emerged last month when he lectured U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta on China's claim to East China Sea islands held by Japan.

"China's neighbors, including the U.S., should be prepared to see a Chinese government under Xi being more assertive than that under Hu," said Steve Tsang, director of the China Police Research Institute at Britain's University of Nottingham in Britain.

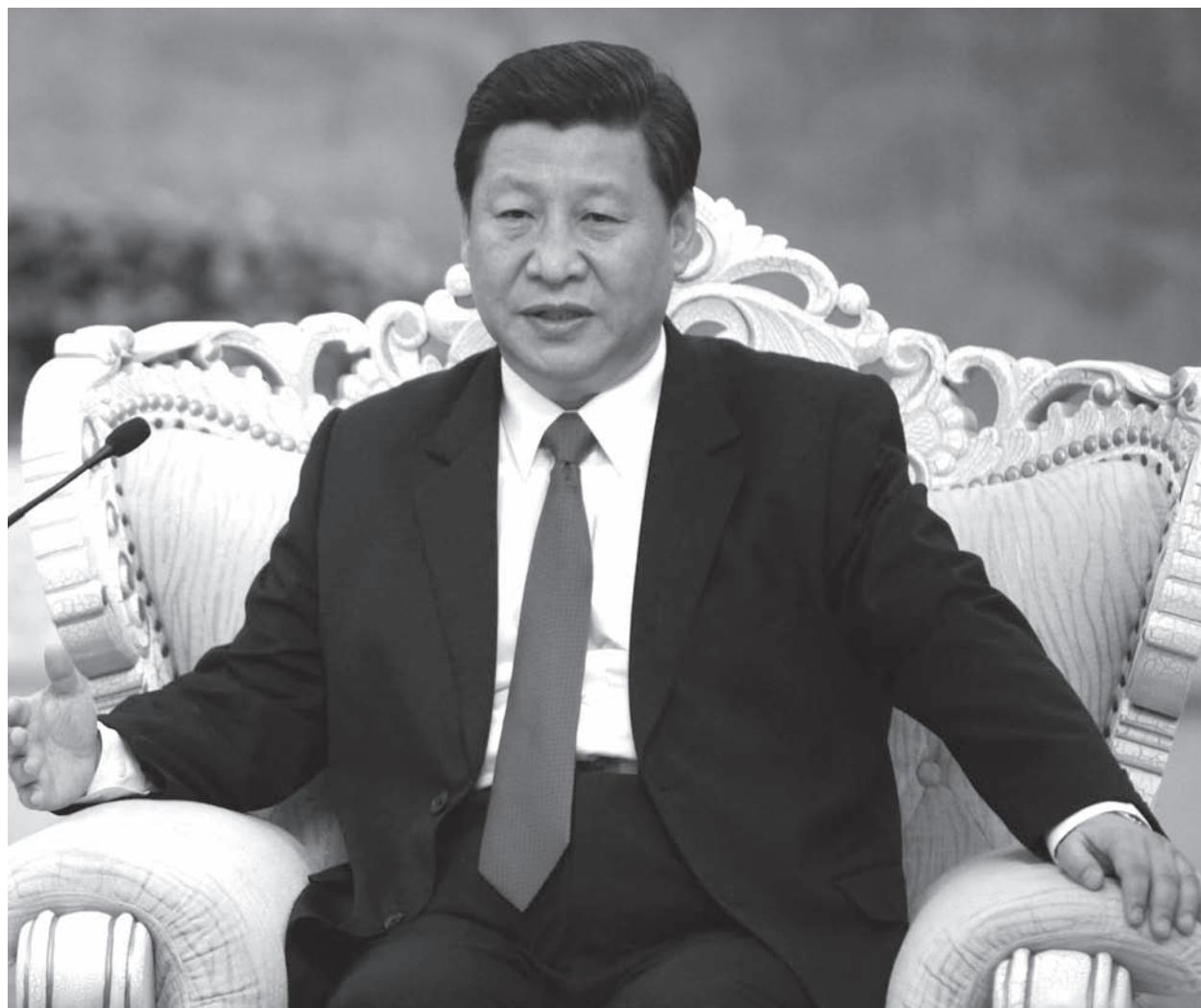
Xi's career has been lent a touch of glamor by his wife, folk singer Peng Liyuan, who for much of their marriage was far better known than he was. Although Xi isn't known to have visited his daughter at Harvard, Xi Mingze's American education adds to Xi's unusually rich exposure to the U.S., having made up to half-a-dozen trips to the country.

Xi, who likes the Hollywood film "Saving Private Ryan," showed a human side during his official visit to the U.S. earlier this year. He took in a Los Angeles Lakers game and stopped in Iowa to visit families who hosted him during a study tour there in 1985. Asked by California schoolchildren about his hobbies, Xi listed reading, swimming, and watching sports, but said to laughter that finding more personal time was "mission impossible."

Former U.S. ambassador to Beijing Jon Huntsman said Xi is a man "who is quite different from Hu Jintao" in that Xi appears at ease.

"He's someone who you can connect with," Huntsman said.

# China leader's persona forged by harsh early life



In this Aug. 29, 2012 file photo, Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping meets with Egypt's President Mohammed Morsi at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Leadership changes are imminent in East Asia's dominant economies, China, Japan and South Korea, in the midst of territorial disputes that could spark conflict.

es. After two decades of fast-paced growth and social change, the economy is flagging and China is under strain. A polarizing gap has left a few wealthy and many struggling and resentful. Rampant corruption is corroding already low reserves of public trust in officialdom.

Beyond home, China is locked in sharp elbowing over territory with Japan and Southeast Asian neighbors. At the same time, Beijing feels hemmed in by the U.S., which is shoring up ties with countries on China's edge.

As son of one-time Vice Premier Xi Zhongxun, the younger Xi spent the 1950s in a world of comfortable homes, chauffeur-driven cars and the best schools when most Chinese were desperately poor.

But the elder Xi fell afoul of the increasingly paranoid communist chief, and Mao demoted him in 1962. The son was dispatched to rural Shaanxi province in 1969 as part of Mao's campaign to toughen up educated urban youth during the chaotic Cultural Revolution. When caught returning to Beijing, he was sent to a labor camp for six months. Back in Liangjiahe, he helped build irrigation ditches.

"Knives are sharpened on the stone. People are refined through hardship," Xi said in a rare 2001 interview with a Chinese magazine. "Whenever I later encountered trouble, I'd just think of how hard it had been to get things done back then and nothing would then

seem difficult."

Local Communist Party officials and police in Liangjiahe followed reporters on a visit and asked them to leave, showing how the party wants to control information about Xi's past. But they did allow brief interviews, including with Shi, described by villagers as Xi's former "iron buddy."

Shi stood across from the now-abandoned, one-room home where Xi lived with a local family, and recalled the day Xi departed at age 22. "No one wanted to see him go," Shi said.

Rejected for Communist Party membership nine times due to his father's political problems, Xi finally gained entry in 1974 and then attended the elite Tsinghua University.

He would later return to Liangjiahe only once, in 1992, when he gave an alarm clock to each household, Shi said.

Xi went on to earn a chemistry degree, by which time Mao had died and his father been restored to office. Xi next secured a plum position as secretary to Defense Minister Geng Biao, one of his father's old comrades.

But Xi took the unusual step three years later of jumping to a lowly post in rural Hebei province, because he wanted to "struggle, work hard, and really take on something big," Xi told Elite Youth magazine's now-deceased editor Yang Xiaohuai.

Xi landed in the rural town of Zhengding, where people traveled by

horse cart.

While there, he made the most of state broadcaster China Central Television's plans to film an adaptation of the classical Chinese novel "Dream of Red Mansions." Hoping to create a tourist attraction, Xi built a full-scale reproduction of the sprawling estate at the heart of the tale.

"You could tell Xi was thinking ahead. By doing this, he created lots of jobs and lots of revenue for Zhengding back when there was very little here," said Liang Qiang, a senior caretaker at the film set, which still draws tourists.

Xi biked around town dressed like an army cook and insisted he be introduced only as county party secretary without reference to his family links, former colleague Wang Youhui recalled.

"He always paid for his food. He didn't want any special treatment," state media quoted Wang as saying years later.

Xi's elite background plugged him into a web of personal connections that were especially important early in his career, ensuring support from Beijing for local projects. As party leader, Xi should easily command the respect of officials and the military, in part because of deference to his father's status.

At the same time, Xi's years in the provinces protect him from accusations of pure nepotism and lend him credibility as someone who understands the struggles of working Chinese and

# Health & Fitness

## Review: Technology helps with fitness goals

By MICHAEL FELBERBAUM  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

**RICHMOND, Va.** (AP)—Many of us know firsthand that losing weight and staying fit can be tough.

For me, I started a journey a little over a year ago to get in better shape before my 30th birthday. While diet and exercise were the ultimate keys to my success, technology played an important role in keeping me accountable, tracking my progress and making my workouts more effective.

Now that I've reached some of my fitness goals, I'd like to share the tools I used. These will be more important to me than ever as I try to maintain my weight loss and improve my strength and endurance. (Cue the "Rocky" theme song).

### ACCOUNTABILITY:

Diet and exercise are the most important parts of losing weight or staying in shape. Technology helped me keep tabs on what I was eating and how many calories I was burning.

I used MyFitnessPal, a free service that lets you maintain a digital diary of your food choices, cardio work and strength training.

The service is very simple to use. Because you can update entries using a phone app or a website, you have almost no excuse not to enter the information no matter where you are. Apps are available for the iPhone, the iPad and Android, BlackBerry and Windows Phone devices.

When first using the program, you're prompted for such information as weight, height, age and activity level. That's used to create a plan for how many calories you should eat and what percentage should come from protein, fat or carbohydrates. You can also set your own parameters.

You then enter what you're eating (and drinking) for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as snacks, throughout the day, and the app records the calories, fat, protein, carbs and vitamins. MyFitnessPal has an extensive list of fresh and packaged foods to choose from. Choose an apple or a can of Campbell's soup, and MyFitnessPal will add the nutritional information to your count. The database also includes popular recipes found in magazines, so you don't have to enter the ingredients individually.

You can even copy an entire meal to another day if you're a creature of habit like me. Or use your phone's camera to take a picture of a barcode and have the app look up the nutritional information for you.

But food is half the battle. MyFitnessPal also lets you enter your workouts and strength training. Just as you do with food, you simply select the activity, such as cleaning, walking the dog, taking a spinning class or, for me, playing ice hockey. Based on your personal health information, the service calculates the number of calories burned. While the numbers are only estimates, they provide a pretty solid guideline.

Once you're done entering your information, you can look at charts, graphs and lists of your diet and exercise to get a better view of your day or week.

The app will project your weight in five weeks and tell you whether you're eating too few or too many calories on any given day. You can even connect with friends and relatives who also are using the service to help keep you even more accountable and get ideas of different foods to try or activities to do.

### PROGRESS:

While recording my food and exercise choices became part of my daily routine, tracking my progress helped motivate me to stay on track to getting in better shape.

For this, I enlisted the use of the Withings WiFi Body Scale (\$159.99).

This is no ordinary scale. It not only measures your weight, body fat, lean muscle and Body Mass Index, but it also connects to the Internet so you can keep track of your measurements through its website or an iPhone app (iPad and Android versions are coming soon).

You can see how you compare to your personal goals and recommended health zones. You can have the scale automatically share your data with other online health coaching programs, or post results to a blog, Facebook or Twitter. There are no subscription fees.

The scale can track up to eight different people, with separate accounts for each.

A new version of the scale will be able to connect directly to your phone via Bluetooth. For those with iPhones or iPads, there also is a companion blood pressure monitor that hooks directly to your device and lets you know how your rates compare with normal ranges.

### EFFECTIVE WORKOUTS:

Logging how many calories you burned during any activity can be

a constant guessing game. Many gym-goers rely on general numbers that the treadmill, bicycles or elliptical machines provide, but those aren't always accurate.

There are several options to help track your daily exercise routines. After trying a few different wearable monitors, including the Nike+ FuelBand, I found the most helpful tool was a heart rate monitor.

Basic monitors in the \$100 price range can encourage people to get active, while options costing more than \$400 are

available with accessories that can measure how far you're running or how fast you're cycling.

I tested a Polar RCX5 (\$349.95 for a basic set, with accessories for GPS and cycling available).



AP

This undated image provided by RCX5 shows the Polar RCX5 heart monitor. While losing weight and staying fit can be tough, technology can help play an important role in keeping a person accountable, tracking his or her progress and making workouts more effective.

### Personal Trainer

## What to ask before joining a gym

*When considering a gym, it's easy to be distracted by big issues, such as monthly fees, and overlook these details:*

**Are trial memberships available?**  
If so, consider trying one; two weeks is a fair trial period

**Is a contract required?**  
If so, read it carefully, and see if any provisions you dislike can be deleted

**Do staff have degrees or certificates?**  
Such as American College of Sports Medicine and American Council on Exercise certificates or degrees in kinesiology, exercise science or sports medicine

**Has anyone been injured at the gym?**  
You may not get a straight answer, but it does no harm to ask

**How old is the equipment?**  
Well-run gyms constantly invest in new machines

**What are the hours? The peak times?**  
This is essential information; check times of classes or facilities you are interested in

**Do some services cost extra?**  
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**Is child care available?**

**Can the initiation fee be waived?**  
Source: American Council on Exercise, Bankrate.com

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# Life & Style

## Singer makes journey from fullback to Figaro

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Keith Miller was a bruising fullback out of the University of Colorado who never quite made it to the National Football League. He has, however, become a star at the Metropolitan Opera.

How Miller made the unlikely transition from football to the pinnacle of opera is an all-American story of reinvention, made all the more amazing by the fact that he had no formal musical training when he set out to become a singer.

"This is the real thing, this is the juice," says the 38-year-old Miller. "Instead of a number, you're a character, but the spirit of competition is the same, and you do it for the love of the art versus the love of the game."

It began almost by chance in 1994, while still at Colorado,

when he took his girlfriend to see a traveling production of the Broadway musical "The Phantom of the Opera." He was so enthralled that tears rolled down his face. He bought a CD and learned the songs.

Then he got some real opera recordings, singing along in his bass-baritone voice, "kind of like karaoke."

But it was still nothing more than a hobby. Singing along to "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Don Giovanni" was something he did to pass the time while the 6-foot, 265-pound Miller lifted weights, ran sprints and studied playbooks in pursuit of a pro football career.

Miller, a three-year starter at Colorado best known as a blocking back for 1994 Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam,

bounced around the fringes of professional football. He played in the European league, the Arena Football League and U.S. spring football leagues, always keeping in shape for a possible shot with the NFL.

In 2001, he was in Fargo, N.D., training for a workout with the Denver Broncos, when he saw a flier announcing an open opera audition for the Pine Mountain Music Festival in Michigan.

On a whim, he showed up.

"I figured, what the heck!" he says, his voice rippling into a low laugh that echoes his rich singing bass.

He performed the only aria he knew, from Mozart's "Don Giovanni." To his surprise, he got the job, plus four other offers.

Miller then had to learn the whole part, poring over the

score and picking out notes on a piano late into the night.

"It was like a baby learning to walk," he says.

He still had to be formally trained - for four years at Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts, a top grooming ground for future stars. Then, days before his 2006 graduation, came the decisive break.

He auditioned for the Met's Young Artist Development Program and didn't get in. Instead, the company actually hired him for Puccini's "Madame Butterfly," broadcast live in high definition to movie theaters worldwide.

He has now sung with the Washington National Opera, the

Seattle Opera, and other companies across the country and in Italy, England and Canada, plus the New York Philharmonic and at Carnegie Hall.

This season, Miller appears at the Met in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera" ("A Masked Ball"), opening Nov. 8, followed by a global high-definition broadcast Dec. 8.

As his career grows in a competitive field, "it's like looking at an opponent in football—even if I have flaws or things I need to work on, I will outwork the other person," he says. "If somebody is quick, I'm quicker, and no matter what their best card is they lay on the table, you

still have the ace."

From home in New York, he travels - 10 cities in nine months last year—with his wife, Sage, and baby Josephine.

In summer, Miller directs Colorado's Crested Butte Music Festival, which includes training children to perform. He pumps up their spirits with inspirational talk—the kind he has given himself through the years.

"This was me," he says, pulling out a current driver's license with a 1996 photo showing him at 265 pounds, with a thick, almost 20-inch neck and a 52-inch shoulder span. He's now a relatively svelte 200, with 44-inch shoulders.

## German composer Hans Werner Henze dies at 86

**BERLIN** (AP)—German composer Hans Werner Henze, whose prolific and wide-ranging work included a wealth of operas and 10 symphonies, died Saturday, his publisher said. He was 86.

Henze died in the eastern German city of Dresden, longstanding publisher Schott Music said in a statement, calling him "one of the most important and influential composers of our time." It didn't disclose the cause of death.

Henze's work over the decades straddled musical genres. He composed stage works, symphonies, concertos, chamber works and a requiem, and once said that "many things wander from the concert hall to the stage and vice versa."

His operas ranged from the 1950s "Ein Landarzt" ("A Country Doctor"), based on a story by Franz Kafka, to "L'Upupa," written in 2002 and the only opera for which Henze wrote his own libretto. Other works included the musical dramas "Elegy for Young Lovers" and "The Bassarids," and the oratorio "The Raft of the Medusa"—dedicated to the Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara.

The Semperoper opera house in Dresden recently kicked off a tribute to Henze with a performance of his an-

In this Dec. 18, 2009 file picture German composer Hans Werner Henze is photographed in Essen, Germany.

tiwar drama "We come to the River," produced in collaboration with writer Edward Bond and first performed in London in 1976.

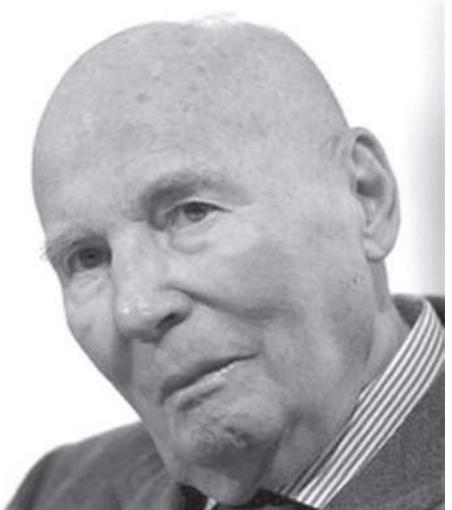
Henze was born July 1, 1926 in Guetersloh in western Germany and grew up as the Nazis tightened their grip on the country. After studying and starting his career in music and theater in West Germany, he left the country in 1953 and went to live in Italy.

Alongside his operas, Henze was known for his symphonies, among them "Sinfonia No. 10," completed in 2000, was premiered by Sir Simon Rattle with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

As well as composing, Henze took teaching assignments in Austria, the U.S., Cuba and Germany. He served as composer-in-residence at the Berkshire Music Center in Tanglewood, Massachusetts, and at the Berlin Philharmonic, Schott Music said.

Henze founded the Cantieri Internazionali d'Arte festival and summer school in Montepulciano, Italy, in 1976.

Information on survivors and funeral arrangements was not immediately available.



AP

In this Monday, Oct. 22, 2012 photo, Keith Miller, a former college and pro football athlete who transitioned from playing football to singing opera as a bass-baritone, poses for a photo during an interview in New York.

## Rock hall of fame in Cleveland honors Chuck Berry

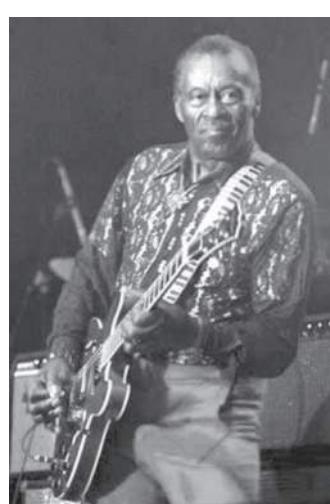
**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Still rockin' at 86, music legend Chuck Berry promised a comeback Saturday with six new songs, some written 16 years ago.

"And as soon as I can get someone to guide me—and I do know a little about the business - I want to push them out," he told reporters at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, which honored him with an award and tribute concert. "I'm going to come back and push them out if you know what I mean, somehow."

Berry, a rock pioneer with early hits that included "Roll Over Beethoven," "Sweet Little Sixteen" and "Johnny B. Goode," wouldn't tip his hand in detail about the new songs or when they might be released.

"They might be old, but they are the same type of music that I have been playing," he said.

The lineup for Saturday's tribute concert honor-



Berry

ing Berry at the State Theater included Ernie Isley and Darryl DMC McDaniels, Joe Bonamassa, Rick Derringer, Rosie Flores, John Fullbright, David Johansen, Ronnie Hawkins, Steve Jordan and Merle Haggard.

Berry, who still performs monthly at a club in suburban St. Louis, offered some advice

to the performers: "Keep rocking, keep rocking. That's two words. Next word is: Be kind to your fans."

To mark the American Music Masters award presentation, the rock hall has mounted a special exhibition with items including Berry's 1964 British tour program and a handbill promoting his appearance with the Grateful Dead in 1968.

Past American Music Masters program honorees include Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin and Woody Guthrie.

Berry, the museum's first inductee in 1986, called the award and enshrinement in the rock hall a great honor. "You can't get any higher in my profession than this building or this reason for this building," he said.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The Giants' shutout of the Detroit Tigers drew a record-low television rating for Game 2 of the World Series.

San Francisco's 2-0 win Thursday night on Fox earned a 7.8 fast national rating and 12 share, down 12 percent from last year's St. Louis Cardinals-Texas Rangers matchup. The previous low was an 8.1 for the 2008 Philadelphia Phillies-

Tampa Bay Rays series.

Fox said Friday the rating was up 3 percent from the Giants' rout in Game 1 on Wednesday.

The "Thursday Night Football" Buccaneers-Vikings game on NFL Network went up against the World Series for the first time and had 5.2 million viewers, not including fans in the Tampa and Minneapolis areas who watched simulcasts on local channels.

That's down from a season average of 7.1 million. The World Series was watched by 12.3 million people on Fox, which is available in about 60 percent more homes than NFL Network.

Ratings represent the percentage of all American homes with televisions tuned to a program. Shares represent the percentage of all homes with TVs in use at the time.

## World Series Game 2 draws record-low rating

# Vatican: Savile's papal honor cannot be removed

LONDON (AP)—The Vatican said Saturday it never would have given Jimmy Savile his papal knighthood had it known of allegations the British TV star was a child sex predator, but that it can't rescind the honor now that he has died.

The Catholic Church of England wrote to the Holy See last week, asking it to consider whether it could posthumously remove the honor awarded to Savile because of the many recent child sex abuse allegations against him. Savile, a much-loved BBC children's television host, died last year at age 84.

The church said its leader, Archbishop of Westminster Vincent Nichols, made the request because the "deep distress" of his alleged victims and in light of public concerns about his name remaining on the papal honors lists.

But the Rev. Federico Lombardi, the Vatican's spokesman, told The Associated Press it couldn't rescind the knighthood awarded to Savile because there simply is no permanent register from which to strike it. The names of people who receive the knighthood don't appear in the Holy See's yearbook and that the honor dies with the individual, Lombardi said.

He also said Savile never would have received the honor had allegations about his behavior been known, and Lombardi stressed the Vatican's firm condemnation of



This is a March 25, 2008 file photo of Sir Jimmy Savile, who for decades was a fixture on British television.

any type of sexual abuse against children.

Savile was made a Knight Commander of St. Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II in 1990 for his charity work. He was also knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to charity and entertainment.

But police now believe Savile to be one of the most prolific sex offenders in Brit-

ain in recent history, with a "staggering number" of people reporting abuses by him after his death.

Some 300 potential victims have come forward with abuse allegations, police said. Most of them say they were abused by Savile, but some say they were abused by other people, Metropolitan Police said Friday.

The popular TV presenter's family spoke out Saturday about its shock over the recent revelations.

"These things we knew absolutely nothing at all about until these revelations have come out now," Savile's nephew, Roger Foster, told the BBC. "It's just so unexpected, so totally, at first, unbelievable."

British police said they also have received many reports of past, unrelated child sex abuse cases since the scandal surrounding Savile came to light.

One such case was resolved in British courts on Friday.

Reginald Davies, a 78-year-old retiree, was convicted of 13 offenses against four girls, including the rape of one under the age of 12, and sentenced to 11 years in prison.

The crimes took place between 1949 and 1973, and police said the case appeared to involve the oldest criminal charges ever heard in a British court. Davies had moved to Australia, but two of his victims confronted him and reported him to police while vacationing there in 2008.

## Kim Kardashian makes a splash at NYC bash

NEW YORK (AP)—Kim Kardashian isn't worried about the behemoth storm expected to pummel the eastern U.S. with rain and wind this week.

Dressed as a blond mermaid for her Halloween party Saturday night in New York, the star joked that her boyfriend, Kanye West—wearing a nautical-looking outfit—could "sail" her to safety if need be.

West didn't talk to press covering the event but smiled and took photos of Kardashian on his phone.

It's the second year Kardashian has hosted the Midori Green Halloween party. She has an endorsement deal with the liquor company.

The reality star said it took two months to plan her costume, inspired by the 1984 film "Splash," and two hours to get ready.



AP  
Kim Kardashian hosts the 2nd Annual Midori Green Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 in New York.

## Timberlake apologizes for 'silly, unsavory video'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Justin Timberlake is apologizing for a "silly, unsavory video" that shows homeless people offering congratulatory wishes to the pop star and his new bride, Jessica Biel.

Timberlake posted an open letter on his website Friday saying he didn't know about the video or contribute to it.

He says the video "was made as a joke on me" and wasn't shown at his wedding in Italy last week.

Timberlake calls the video "distasteful" and says he's deeply sorry to anyone offended by it. But he acknowledges that it was made by well-meaning friends.

The 19-second video is titled, "Greetings from your Hollywood friends who just couldn't make it." It shows three people who obviously don't know the famous couple greeting them with wedding wishes.

## Billy Idol plays fan's birthday party in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—A Seattle man says that having Billy Idol play his 26th birthday party made for the greatest night of his life.

Michael Henrichsen spent two years persuading the British rock icon to play his party, and it paid off Friday at the packed Showbox SoDo club.

Idol guitarist Steve Stevens played him 'Happy Birthday' in the middle of a solo. Then Idol called Henrichsen onto the stage for a rendition of the song.

Henrichsen's '80s cover band opened for the show.

Idol says Henrichsen's effort stood out from other fan

requests because his campaign involved four "Billy Idol Aid" charity concerts that raised \$13,000 for the Northwest Harvest food bank and the American Red Cross.

Idol says playing Henrichsen's party in Seattle might help fans see another side of him.



Billy Idol, right, is joined on stage by an emotional Michael Henrichsen, left, as Idol performs Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, in Seattle.

## Grandfather's bulletin board pinup is too close to home

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: The other day at my in-laws', my mother-in-law, father-in-law, "Bert," and I were in their computer room. Bert has pictures of his family posted on his bulletin board and we often look at them when we're in the room.

One of the photos he posted recently I found disturbing. It was of a young, well-endowed woman in her early 20s wearing a tight tube top. What disturbed me was that Bert has printed my 16-year-old daughter's name underneath and the date "2017." When I asked him about it, he said that was what she will look like at 21. My mother-in-law said she thought it was crude, and I think it's unnerving for a grandfather to be picturing his only granddaughter in such a manner.

We have a great family life and I wouldn't want that to end over a picture, but I don't want to look at it, and I don't think this is behavior that's expected from a man in his 60s.

How should I broach the subject that the photo needs to come down?

CONCERNED FATHER FROM GREAT LAKES

DEAR CONCERNED FATHER: Grandpa "Bert" appears to be a dirty old man. I'm not sure "you" should talk to him about this. It would have more impact if you, your wife AND your mother-in-law do it together. When you do, tell him that putting your daughter's name under the picture was in poor taste and you ALL want the picture with your daughter's name shredded. (That way you're sure it's gone.)

Privately, your wife should ask your daughter if Grandpa Bert has ever done anything that made her uncomfortable. If the answer is yes, confront him. If not, explain your concerns to your daughter, tell her you and your wife love her, and she can always come to you with any concerns of her own.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a young mother who dropped out of high school because I didn't have enough credits. I started a great job in fast food and have a very understanding boss. I met my boyfriend at work. We've lived together since before my son was born and he has helped me to raise my boy. (His biological dad left me and has had no contact since I was two months pregnant.)

Lately I have been incredibly depressed. I'm nowhere I wanted to be in life, miserable in my relationship and have started to hate my job. I'm clinically diagnosed as bipolar and on medication. I have also been seeing a therapist since I was very young. I don't know what to do. I don't want to throw my life away. I love my son and want the best for him. Any advice on how to pick myself up?

DOWN DEEP IN CLEVELAND

DEAR DOWN DEEP: Yes. Tell your therapist that you are cycling into a depression. Your medications may need to be adjusted. Next, explore completing your high school education by getting a GED degree, which may widen your employment opportunities. Once you're feeling better, you should consider whether you want to end the romantic relationship you have with your boyfriend. When your emotions are on an even keel, you'll be better able to make that decision.

P.S. If you're not receiving child support, contact the department of social services in your state, because your child's father should have been contributing regularly.

DEAR ABBY: When filling salt and pepper shakers that aren't marked, does the salt go into the one with the fewer holes on the top?

PLEASE PASS THE SALT

DEAR PLEASE PASS THE SALT: There is no set rule. Although traditionally the salt shaker is the one with more holes, because doctors now advise Americans to cut back on our salt intake, it might make more sense to put it into the shaker with fewer holes.

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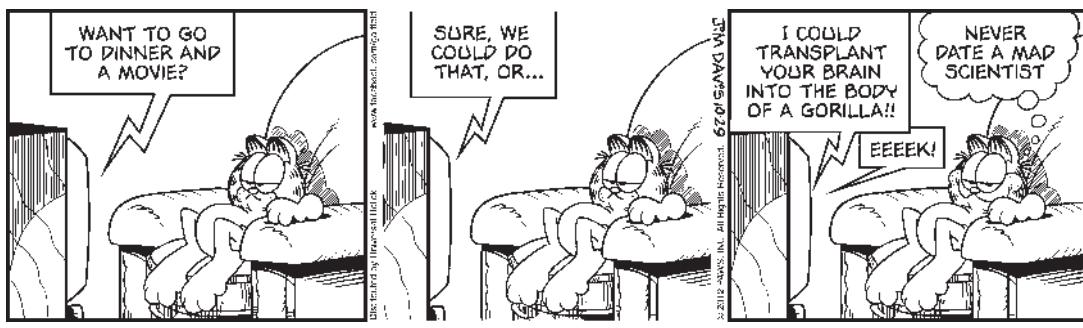
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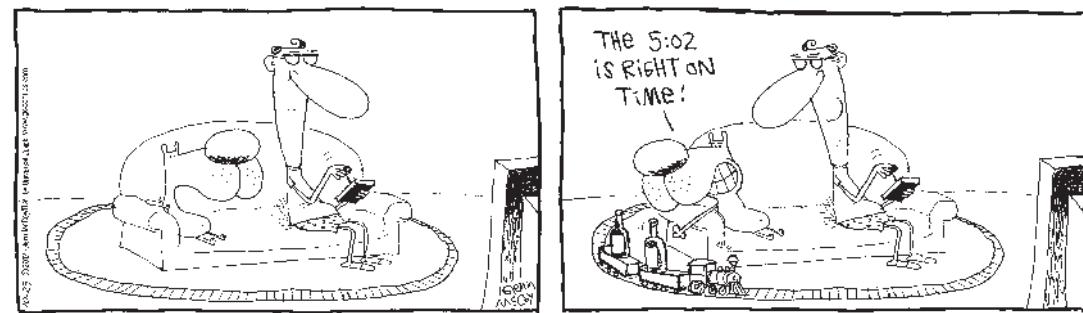
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# Giants one step closer to World Series sweep

**D E T R O I T**  
(AP)—OK, so even Bruce Bochy has to grudgingly admit that his San Francisco Giants are on a World Series roll.

"I'll say this: The club is playing well," the manager said.

Well enough to become the first team to throw consecutive Series shutouts in nearly a half-century.

Well enough to blank Miguel Cabrera and the Detroit Tigers 2-0 on a chilly Saturday night for a commanding 3-0 lead.

Well enough to win their franchise-record sixth straight postseason game and never trail in any in any of them.

"I think confidence is the biggest thing," newly found ace reliever Tim Lincecum said.

No team has ever blown such a huge margin in the World Series. And with the way Ryan Vogelsong, Lincecum and the Giants are pitching, it seemed unlikely the Tigers would even score a run, yet alone win a game.

Cabrera had the best chance to save the Tigers' season, but the Triple Crown winner popped up with the bases loaded in the fifth inning.

Gregor Blanco hit an RBI triple and trotted home on Brandon Crawford's single in the second inning, and that was ample for the Giants. Timely hits combined with another dominant effort on the mound and sharp defense put them close to their second title in three years.

After playing a nearly perfect Game 3, the Giants will turn to Mr. Perfect Game himself - ace Matt Cain - to try for a sweep Sunday against Max Scherzer.

"We've got Matt Cain tomorrow and he's the guy to finish this," Blanco said.

At this rate, it appeared only a bailout by the San Francisco staff could help the Motor City.

Don't count on it. Switching to an AL park, chilly weather and a crowd of towel-waving fans ready to rock didn't slow 'em down at all.

"Well, it's a good situation, but there's nothing been done yet," Bochy said. "It's a number, just like I said about two. Now it's three. But that's not the Series."

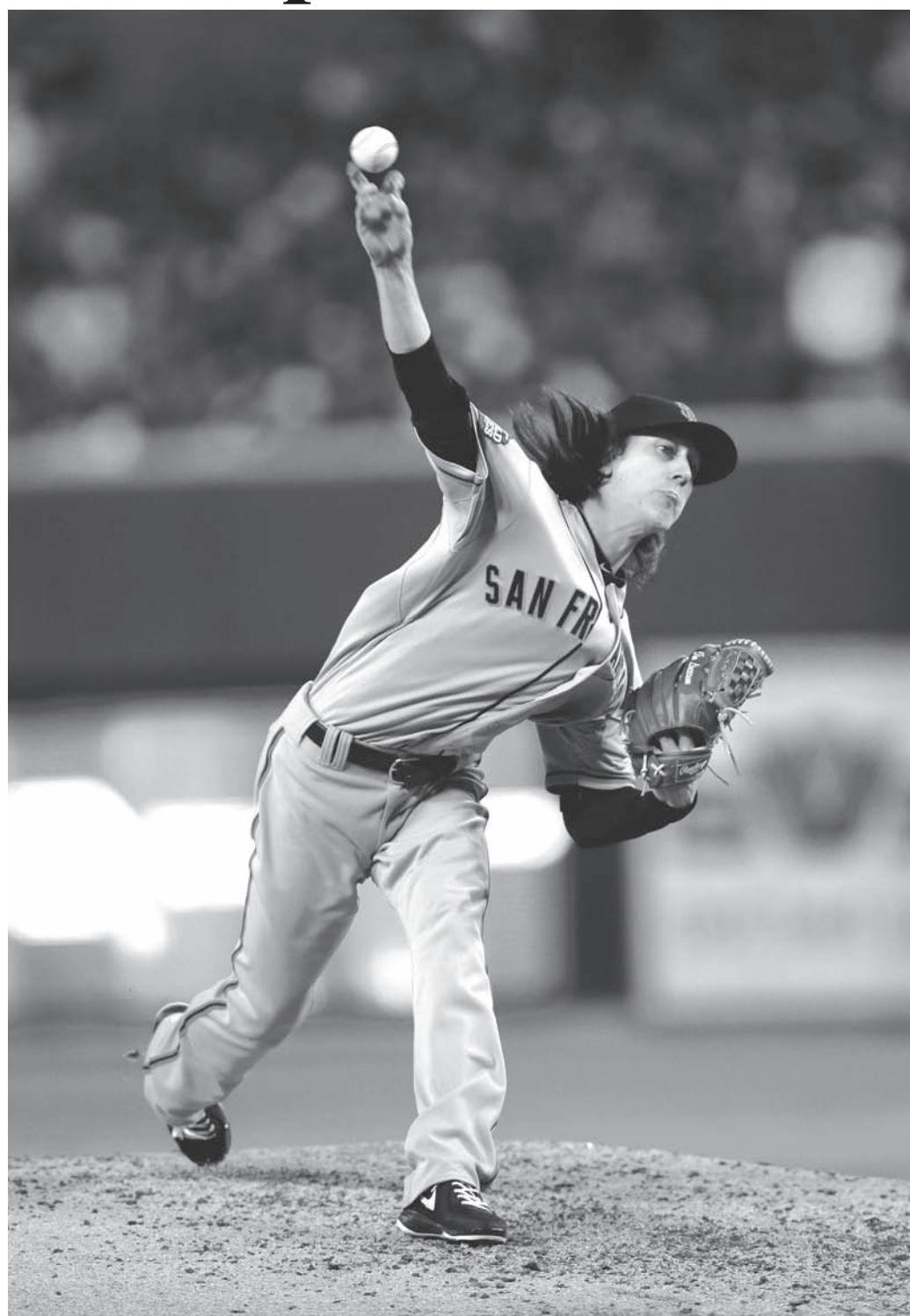
The Giants won their franchise-record sixth straight postseason game, and haven't trailed in any of them. The Tigers, coming off a sweep of the Yankees in the AL championship series, haven't held a lead in the Series.

"We're not forcing anything, we're just not getting it done," Tigers star Prince Fielder said.

"Obviously, you never visualize this kind of thing happening," he said.

Vogelsong, a career journeyman whose path to the World Series took detour to Japan and Venezuela, improved to 3-0 with a 1.09 ERA in four starts this postseason.

"I knew my stuff was pretty good," Vogelsong said. "I was re-



AP  
San Francisco Giants' Tim Lincecum throws during the seventh inning of Game 3 of baseball's World Series against the Detroit Tigers Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, in Detroit.

ally pumped up to be out there."

Vogelsong induced two early double plays, then faced his stiffest test in the fifth.

The bases were loaded with one out when Vogelsong fanned rookie Quintin Berry. That brought up Cabrera, honored on the field before the game with an actual blue-and-gold crown for his Triple Crown accomplishments.

With the fans chanting "M-V-P!" and likely sensing the whole Series was riding on this at-bat, Vogelsong seemed completely calm while chewing gum. He won the matchup, too, getting an easy popup that prompted Cabrera to slam his bat to the ground and elicited cheers in the San Francisco dugout.

"I was just trying to make a pitch," Vogelsong said. "And the way we're playing defense, really just trying to get him to put a ball in play somewhere because I had a good feeling we were going to catch it if he did."

Lincecum took over with two outs in the sixth, and the two-time Cy Young Award winner looked as if he had been coming out of the bullpen his whole life and shut down the Tigers.

Only one team in baseball history has overcome a 3-0 defi-

Closer Sergio Romo finished off the combined five-hitter with his second save of the Series.

Blanco punctuated the ninth inning with his latest fancy grab, a sprinting catch into foul territory in left field.

Combined with Madison Bumgarner's effort in Game 2, San Francisco threw the first consecutive shutouts in the Series since Baltimore in 1966, when Jim Palmer, Wally Bunker and Dave McNally did the trick to finish off the Dodgers.

"We couldn't get the killer hit or the killer blow," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Shut out only twice all year, the Tigers once again looked lost at the plate. When Fielder struck out in the eighth, the fan favorite caused boos to bounce around Comerica Park. Big sluggers with teeny numbers, Cabrera and Fielder are a combined 3 for 19 against the Giants.

"It is what it is," Fielder said.

The fearsome Tigers have totaled a mere three runs and 15 hits while hitting .165 in three games, and were shut out twice in a row for the first time since April 2008.

A losing posture, plain and simple.

cit in the postseason, with Boston doing it in the 2004 ALCS against the Yankees.

"Well, you don't really have to tell them anything. They can count," Leyland said. "They're big guys, they know what the situation is."

For the Tigers, it was the sixth straight Series loss dating to 2006 against St. Louis. They got a fine effort from pitcher Anibal Sanchez this time, but it wasn't enough against these Giants.

It was 47 degrees at gametime, a drop of 17 from Thursday night at AT&T Park, and the Tigers clearly knew this was their chance to pull back into the Series.

Soon enough, Game 3 took on a familiar look.

During the Giants' early two-run burst, Detroit's body language said all you needed to know about this Series. At one point in-between pitches, Cabrera put his hands on his hips at third base, shortstop Jhonny Peralta scuffed the dirt, second baseman Omar Infante turned his back to the infield, Fielder stared down at first.

The Comerica crowd, so

## Cabrera, Posey win Aaron Award

**D E T R O I T**  
(AP)—Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig presented Miguel Cabrera with an actual crown Saturday, recognizing the Triple Crown he won this season, and announced that the Tigers slugger won the AL's Hank Aaron Award.

For the first time, both winners of the award that recognizes the top offensive players in each league were getting ready to play in the same World Series.

After Cabrera posed for pictures and made a statement, he went to get ready for Game 3. Moments later, Giants catcher Buster Posey was honored for being the NL's Hank Aaron Award winner.

"Miguel joined historic company this year by winning the game's first Triple Crown in 45 years," Selig said. "And, Buster was a consistent force in returning to the field triumphantly this year."

Cabrera is the first player to lead baseball in batting average, home runs and RBIs since 1967 when Boston's Carl Yastrzemski pulled off the feat.

"I am very nervous right now," Cabrera said after waiting for more than 10 minutes for Selig to arrive at the pregame news conference. "But I want to thank you very much. It's an honor to be sitting here with a Hall of Famer and commissioner."

Posey hit .336 and became the first catcher in the league win the batting title since Ernie Lombardi of the Boston Braves in 1942.

"I'm humbled that Hank Aaron knows who I am," Posey said. "Growing up in Georgia, he's a legend."

Meanwhile, Tigers right-hander Max Scherzer and San Francisco righty Matt Cain didn't need to know the outcome of Saturday's World Series game to understand that when they take the mound Sunday the stakes will be high.

pumped earlier in the postseason, quickly fell silent. Desperate to cheer for anything, the fans hollered for a long, albeit routine, flyout by Delmon Young.

Detroit grounded into the most double plays in the majors this year, and two slick turns by Crawford at shortstop added to the Tigers' total.

Both DPs came with two on and one out, by Fielder in the first and the speedy rookie Berry in the third. Berry put both hands on his batting helmet as he zoomed well past the base, running out his frustration.

Working on 12 days' rest, Sanchez may have been the latest Detroit player to be caught in the Rust Belt, at least in the second inning. That's when he constantly overthrew his fastball and did not resemble the pitcher

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in the World Series."

The Giants took a 2-0 lead in the seven-game series into Game 3 on Saturday night.

"You try to trick yourself into thinking it's another game, but you know what's going on," Cain said. "Your mind and your body, they know what's going on. They know it's going to be a big game in the World Series, whether we're up 3-0 or 2-1."

Both teams probably like their chances with the starters they'll have in the game.

Scherzer, who was 16-7 in the regular season with 231 strikeouts that trailed only teammate Justin Verlander's baseball-leading total, is 0-1 with an 0.82 ERA this postseason.

He was on pace for a victory in Game 4 of the AL division series against the Oakland Athletics until Jose Valverde blew the lead in the ninth inning. Scherzer allowed one run in 5 2-3 innings of Detroit's AL pennant-clinching win over the New York Yankees.

By starting on Sunday, Scherzer will have pitched Game 4 of all three postseason series.

Cain, meanwhile, hasn't been quite as sharp in the playoffs as he was during the regular season.

He is 2-2 with a 3.52 ERA in the postseason after throwing a perfect game in June and going 16-5 with a 2.79 ERA for the season.

Cain pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings and drove in a run to help San Francisco beat St. Louis in Game 7 of the NLCS after giving up three runs in each of his first three postseason starts.

who had made two sharp starts this postseason.

The San Francisco hitters also were amply familiar with Sanchez. This was the fourth time he had matched up with Vogelsong in the last two years - Sanchez twice won duels, then lost a slugfest.

Hunter Pence, who scored one run and drove in the other during a 2-0 win in Game 2, drew a four-pitch walk to begin the second. It was a telling sign - Sanchez had not walked a right-handed batter since August.

Pence stole second, took third on a wild pitch and, with the Tigers' infield playing in, trotted home when Blanco tripled off the wall in right. Crawford looped an RBI single with two outs for a 2-0 lead, and Rick Porcello began warming up in the Detroit bullpen.

# Thunder send sixth man Harden to Rockets



**OKLAHOMA CITY** (AP)—Unable to work out an extension with James Harden, the Oklahoma City Thunder traded the Sixth Man of the Year to the Houston Rockets on Saturday night, breaking up the young core of the Western Conference champions.

The Thunder acquired guards Kevin Martin and Jeremy Lamb, two first-round picks and a second-round pick in the surprising deal. Oklahoma City also sent center Cole Aldrich and forwards Daequan Cook and Lazar Hayward to Houston.

The Oct. 31 deadline to extend Harden or allow him to become a restricted free agent next July had been hanging over the Thunder from the moment they reported to training camp.

"We wanted to sign James to an extension, but at the end of the day, these situations have to work for all those involved. Our ownership group again showed their commitment to the organization with several significant offers," Thunder general manager Sam Presti said in a statement.

"We were unable to reach a mutual agreement, and therefore executed a trade that capitalized on the opportunity to bring in a player of Kevin's caliber, a young talent like Jeremy and draft picks, which will be important to our organizational goal of a sustainable team."

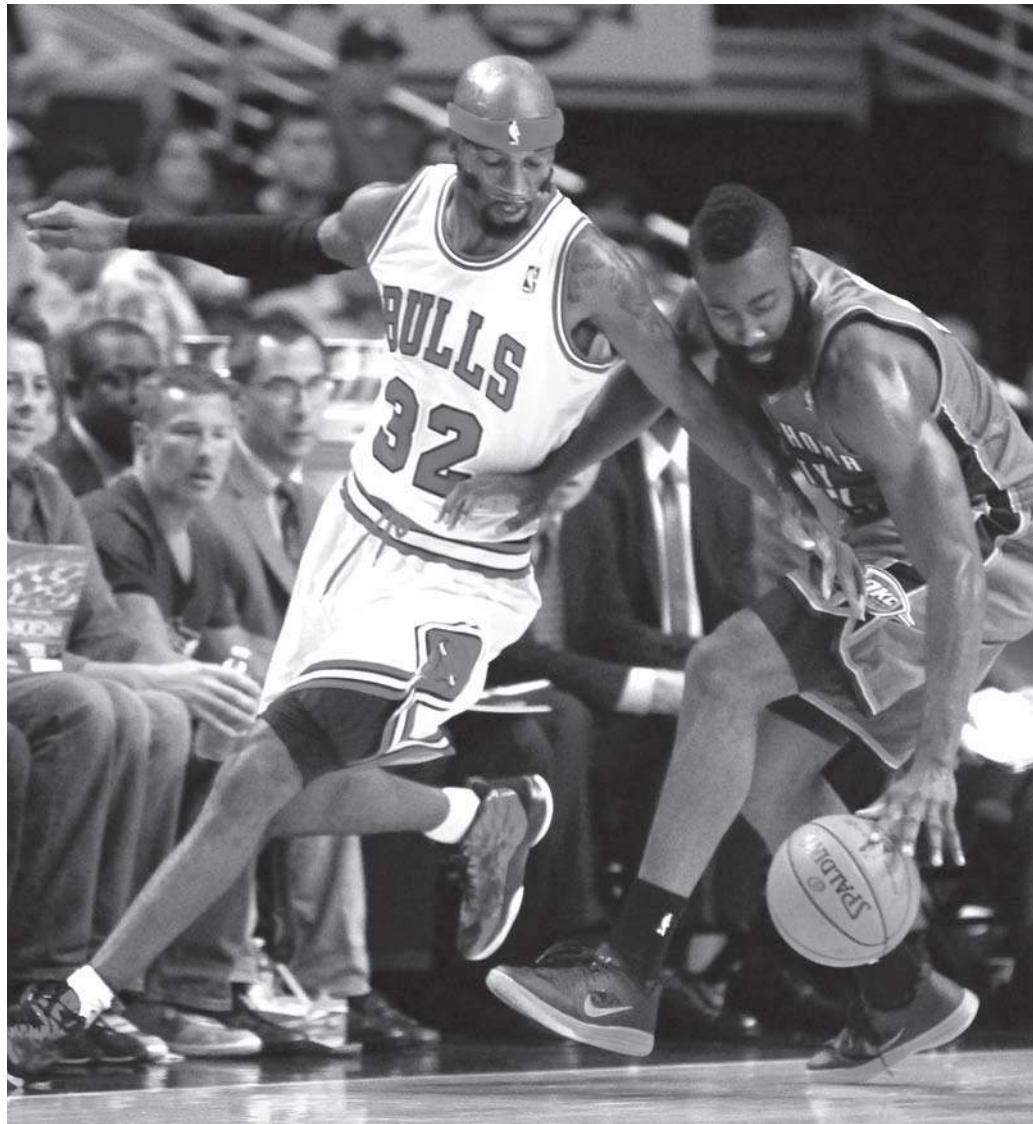
The small-market Thunder had already signed Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and Serge Ibaka to long-term deals, and apparently realized Harden was going to want a bigger salary than they would offer.

The Thunder got back a good scorer in Martin, who has averaged 18.4 points in his eight NBA seasons, and a promising young player in Lamb, the No. 12 pick in the draft who helped Connecticut win the 2011 NCAA championship. He led Houston's summer league team in scoring with 20 points per game.

But Harden was a huge part of Oklahoma City's success and had said he might even be open to sacrifice dollars in order to stay with the Thunder. But they've been unwilling to climb into the luxury tax, which will only become harsher under the new collective bargaining agreement.

Harden averaged 16.8 points and 3.7 assists last season, and joined Durant and Westbrook on the U.S. men's Olympic team. He struggled badly in Oklahoma City's loss to Miami in the NBA Finals, but the Thunder felt good about their chances of getting back there with another year of experience for their young stars, all 24 or younger.

However, Yahoo Sports reported that Harden turned down a four-year contract worth about \$52 million, and



AP  
Chicago Bulls guard Richard Hamilton (32) battles Oklahoma City Thunder guard James Harden for the ball during the first half of an NBA preseason basketball game, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012, in Chicago.

the Thunder moved quickly to trade him after that.

The Rockets rebuilt their roster in the offseason and hoped to land Dwight Howard. Houston traded or released just about every veteran except Martin, who was in the final year of his contract and due about \$13 million this season.

Martin averaged 17.1 points and 2.8 assists last season, his eighth in the NBA and third in Houston. He missed the last 26 games last season with a shoulder injury, though he also developed a rift with Houston coach Kevin McHale late in the season.

The Rockets have until Wednesday to sign Harden to the extension that Oklahoma City couldn't.

"While I never like having to send out quality players like Kevin Martin and Jeremy Lamb, this trade gives us a chance to make an immediate impact on the future of our franchise moving forward," Rockets owner Leslie Alexander said.

James Harden was part of Team USA's gold medal team at the London Olympics and is one of the most skilled shooting guards in the NBA."

New Rockets point guard Jeremy Lin also chimed in about the trade on Twitter.

"Really sad to see Kmart and JLamb go," Lin wrote. "...both class acts and great teammates. Welcome Harden, Cook, Aldrich and Hayward to Houston!"

Houston collected draft picks while it was making a flurry of

deals, part of a package to offer Orlando for Howard. The Rockets traded point guard Kyle Lowry to Toronto for a lottery-protected first-round pick, one of Oklahoma City's acquisitions on Saturday night.

The other first-round pick was acquired by Houston when it traded Jordan Hill to the Los Angeles Lakers last March. The second-round pick came to the Rockets in a deal that sent guard Courtney Lee to Boston.

## Van Pelt flirts with 59; Woods struggles, again



**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** (AP)—While

Bo Van Pelt was flirting with a rare 59 in a third round that was close to impeccable until the last hole, Tiger Woods was getting increasingly frustrated with his mistakes at the CIMB Classic.

Van Pelt had four birdies in the first six holes, then five in a row from the eighth. He had two more birdies on the par-71 Mines Resort and Golf Club course on Saturday, and only needed another one to join an elite club to go under 60. Only five players have ever done it a PGA Tour sanctioned event.

But he hit his approach into the greenside bunker and needed three putts, finishing with a double bogey for a 9-under 62 and a share of the third-round lead with Robert Garrigus at 16 under.

"Obviously disappointed to finish with a double bogey," Van Pelt said, "but I'm really proud of the 17 1/2 holes I played and hopefully that'll carry over into tomorrow, and not the last half."

Van Pelt was seven strokes behind overnight leader Garrigus coming into the third round but got his CIMB title

defense back on track with a superb round.

"I don't think I missed a fairway on the front nine," he said. "My irons were pretty sharp, and the putter, I had been close all week, and today they were going in. They weren't burning the edge."

Garrigus, who had a two-stroke lead after the second round, opened with a pair of bogeys but finished with three birdies for 69 and a 54-hole total of 197. Fellow American Chris Kirk had a 63 to move to 15 under, one clear of Zimbabwe's Brendon de Jonge (66) and South Africa's Jbe Kruger (69) at.

"I must have been tired or something," Garrigus said of his first two holes. "Didn't really have my golf swing that much today. I hit some bad shots, hit some bad putts, but sucked it up coming down there in the last."

Woods' round was the opposite.

He started with five birdies in the first eight holes but had three bogeys and a double-bogey on the back nine and finished at 69 to be in a group of five players tied at 11 under.

Thousands of people followed Woods and 2010 cham-

Nets' Williams: Felton better point guard than Jeremy Lin

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** (AP)—Brooklyn Nets All-Star Deron Williams said Saturday that Raymond Felton is a better playmaker than the point guard he replaced in New York, Jeremy Lin.

Lin outplayed Williams last Feb. 4 in a stunning performance off the bench, starting a phenomenon that became known as Linsanity. But the Knicks opted not to match the \$25.1 million deal Lin signed with Houston, having already completed a sign-and-trade deal with Portland to reacquire Felton.

Felton played well in a previous stint with the Knicks.

"I would say Raymond Felton is a better point guard than Jeremy Lin, in my opinion," Williams said at the Nets' practice facility.

The Nets host the Knicks on Thursday in their first game at the new Barclays Center.

It would've been hard to imagine Lin not being there after the 10 games that started when he scored 25 points in a 99-92 victory over the Nets at Madison Square Garden. Williams scored 21 points and shot just 7 of 19 that night, though made amends later in the month when he scored 38 points as the Nets won in their return to New York.

Williams stopped short of

saying the Knicks are a better team without Lin as the starting point guard, but said he would rather go with Felton because of what the veteran has accomplished in the league as a starter, especially during his short stay in New York before he was included in the deal that brought Carmelo Anthony over to the Knicks.

Felton averaged 17 points and nine assists in 54 games during the 2010-11 season in New York.

"He is just proven," Williams said.

"You'll have to see Jeremy Lin. He had a heck of a run.

The numbers he was putting up were All-Star type numbers when he was starting, so we'll see how he does this year. But going off of track record, you know I'm going to go with Raymond Felton and Ray probably had his best year. That half season he was there. I guess he likes the bright lights."

Felton admitted being out of shape last season in Portland after the lockout, but Williams likes what he has seen of Felton, whom he has known since their high school days.

"He looks good. He looks in shape this year," Williams said.

## Woods struggles, again

pion Ben Crane around the course, with the whir of camera shutters forcing Woods to stop his backswing on the fourth hole and noise or movement in the crowd causing him to pause at other times.

He'd promised to attack the course on the weekend, and he started with a birdie at the par-4 first hole. He got down to 14-under with four more birdies on the front nine to turn in 30, but then had a bogey at the 12th, a double bogey at the 14th where he had to drop a shot after hitting his tee shot in a water hazard beside the green and another bogey at 17 after missing a birdie putt. He got progressively more frustrated on the back nine and was clearly unimpressed with his round.

"I'm going to have to shoot a low one tomorrow, something similar to what Bo did today," he said. "The problem with being this far back is I'm going to need help. A great round tomorrow might not win it, that's the only problem, but I'm going to put up a great round anyways."

After turning in 30 on the front side, equaling his low for nine holes this season, Woods said he just made too many mistakes on the back nine.

"I was right there. I had plenty of easy holes to go, but I didn't capitalize on that at all," he said. "I made a couple of bad decisions, bad swings on top of that."

"On a golf course that's playing this benign, you just can't afford to do that. It can be had out there—I had it after eight holes, just didn't keep it going."

The 37-year-old Van Pelt didn't seem to have that trouble until the very end, when he watched his chance for a 59 vanish in the bunker.

"From there, I pretty much had nothing," he said, claiming that it wasn't nerves that got to him. "Surprisingly, I wasn't really nervous at all. I've never had that good a chance to shoot a 59 before and, to be honest, I'll probably look back on it and think about the third hole."

"I had a 5-iron from the middle of the fairway and didn't make birdie. I'll look back at 15, I'm 30 yards from the green with an easy pitch and don't make it. Those are the holes that cost me more than 18."

Japan's Ryo Ishikawa has the lowest round on a major tour, shooting a 12-under 58 to win the 2010 Crowns in the Japan Tour.

# Lady Dolphins rout Lady Ayuyus

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**MISO** Marianas High School's Lady Dolphins arose victorious over the Kagman High School' Lady Ayuyus in both the varsity and junior varsity games in the 2012-2013 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Friday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Dolphins extended their streak to five after steam-rolling KHS (2-4) in the varsity division, 70-39, while MHS' junior squad started its own run after capping its third straight win with a 35-9 thrashing of the Lady Ayuyus.

The Lady Dolphins rustled up an early 15-7 lead in the opening quarter of the varsity game after getting a pair of baskets from Rachel Abrams and Jeraldine and Jeralyn Castillo. They then

Marianas High School's Marlene Lumabi collides with Kagman High School's Anzuko Halstead during their varsity game in the MISO caging last Friday at the MHS Gym.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND



## BACK-TO-BACK

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vored Hi-Five, which came off a big semis win over pennant champion Pacific Islands Club. However, after engaging Mobil in a slugfest in the first three quarters, Hi-Five folded up in the decisive fourth and threw the towel in the final two minutes of the game.

Actually, Mobil, which won the inaugural Emon Lodge caging against Armatech in 2010, gained momentum of the closely fought match late in the third when it opened a 54-44 lead—the first time that a team went up by double digits. A 6-2 windup kept Hi-Five in the game and

it moved further, 52-56, after James Villacrusis opened the fourth with a long jumper.

However, Hi-Five was held to only two field goals in the ensuing plays, while Rabauliman began to take over on offense, scoring 8 straight points, as Mobil threatened to pull away, 75-59, with less than five minutes left in the match.

Hi-Five sued for time to restore order on the team, but Mobil would not be denied, as Rabauliman and company finished the game on a high note, going for one basket after another and running after every possession.

Rabauliman top-scored for Mobil with 22 points, while Basila and Ruluked chipped in 16 and 14, respectively. Angelo

Fernando, Badong Camacho, and Errol Peredo came off the bench and combined for 26 big points. Fernando, who came in for the off Ron Gamboa, started for Mobil in the third and had 9 points, while Peredo gave quality minutes to Mobil in the first three cantos and contributed 6. Camacho, who had only one field goal in the first three frames, replaced the foul troubled Ruluked early in the fourth and finished with 11 markers.

Barcenas paced Hi-Five with his 24 points, but he faded out in the second half, as Mobil made key defensive adjustments, preventing the former from hitting too many outside shots. Barcenas, who had three triples and a couple of long jumpers in the

first half and finished the opening 20 minutes of play with 19 points, had no treys in the second and was limited to two field goals that came when the game was already decided.

Ponce Rasa and Jesus Iguel were also among the missing link for Hi-Five. Rasa had only 3 points, as he was saddled with fouls, getting two quick ones in the first period, while Iguel was limited to 2 points in the first half and ended up with only 8 markers.

Adding to Hi-Five's woes was the lackluster performance of big men Charlie Peters and Alex Standish. Peters, who usually cherries picks in the shaded lane, converted only one shot in the

throwing a headbutt at the latter. Mobil coach Marvin Deocares protested on the suspension as expected.

"It took them a couple of days to suspend Lizama, while they made the decision on Jun's suspension after only one day. I was informed

of the suspension last Friday around 8pm. I tried to appeal the suspension and ask them if it could be implemented next season so Jun can play in the finals, but they said the decision was final," said Deocares.

Estolas and Lizama will only be suspended in Emon Lodge

caging, but not in other leagues that Basketball Association of Northern Marianas Islands help organize. BANMI vice president Elias Rangamar in an earlier interview with *Saipan Tribune* reiterated that its up for organizers of other leagues to suspend a player or not.

Flash, 15-10.

Flash battled back through the lower bracket and earned a chance to avenge its loss against its rival and though it fought Team Hurley tooth and nail in Game 1 of the finals, the latter still emerged victorious, 15-13. Fifteen teams competed in the U18 division.

Game point for all divisions was set at 15 with a "must win by two" rule in effect.

Last weekend's event was a training tournament because it featured special ground rules to encourage players to utilize the skills they have been learning at the weekly practice sessions.

Special ground rules for the U13 division include awarding a bonus point to teams that score on a play using a bump or hand-set leading to a spike, in addition to receiving a second opportunity upon attempting an overhand serve.

A point must be credited on a play in order to receive the extra point and a second serve is only awarded if the first sail out of bounds or into the net. The same special rules apply in the U18 division, aside from the second service opportunity.

Notably, all teams must also consist of at least one female player who must remain on the

court at all times.

The free tournaments simply serve as a platform for the kids to put their skills to the test in a competitive setting. There will be one more event slated for next month.

NMIVA's youth training practices are still ongoing and are open to anyone at no cost.

Practices are being held beachside at Fiesta on Wednesday's from 4pm to 6pm, and on Saturday mornings from 8am to 10am. NMIVA would like to thank Fiesta Resort & Spa and all the parents and volunteers for their continued support. Visit [www.nmivolleyball.org](http://www.nmivolleyball.org) for more information.

catapulted ahead at the half, 37-17, as Abrams and Glorily Williams hooked up for a dozen and the Castillo sisters chipped in 4 apiece in the second quarter.

MHS keyed on KHS mainstay Anna Ada from the tip and limited her to just two baskets in the first half. Jeromelyn Santos scrambled for 8 markers to try to fill the void, but Kagman had fallen in a big hole at midpoint.

KHS was unable to gain any ground in the third quarter, as the count shifted to 54-30, heading into the final period, and MHS never looked back. Williams racked up 20 points for MHS, while Santos led KHS with a meager 10.

In the junior pairing, MHS started slow but snowballed its 6-2 favor into a 21-4 margin at the half. Dianne Pablo fronted the Lady Dolphins with 8 points in the first two frames and received support from her six teammates.

After limiting Kagman to just one basket in the first two periods, MHS's defense remained tough after the break and held its foe scoreless in the third quarter to move further ahead, 31-4, heading into final canto.

Babauta 12, Bartolo 1. **Ashley's/Brabu 81** – Aquino 19, Mangali 14, Norita 13, Cortez 12, Ito 4, Montes 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 24-19, 48-40, 77-59, 97-81.

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**Hi-Five 64** – Barcenas 24, Villacrusis 14, Iguel 8, Standish 5, Peters 4, Rasa 3, Quitugua 2, Acosta 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-14, 39-35, 56-50, 83-64.

gross score and 71.8 net figure, while and Carl Hocog and Ned Norita rounded out the Top 6 with a 72 net.

Meanwhile, 12-year-old closest to the pin winner Sean Lee won a round-trip ticket for two to anywhere Delta Airlines flies for resting his tee shot on hole No. 7 10'9" from the cup. He also took home a brand new DVD player and Taylormade 4 wood in the raffle drawing.

The SCC-organized tournament was supported by Delta, United Air Lines, Takagi Associates, AON Insurance, Bank of Hawaii, Triple J Motors, IT&E, DFS Galleria, Coca-Cola/Foremost, Joeten Enterprises, Tan Holdings, ASC Trust, Gold's Gym, Budweiser/Marpac, Docomo Pacific, Safety 1st, Take Care Insurance, MCV, Xerox, Saipan Shipping Company, Northern Marianas College, Data Dot, Martega Trading, Pacific Islands Club, Hyatt Regency Saipan, McDonald's, Truong's, Capriossa, Tony Roma's, Hard Rock Café, and 360 Revolving Restaurant.

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suspension was similar to Jack Lizama's. The Archers' big men first engaged in a word war with Hi-Five's James Lee during a regular season game before

## GO PRO

twice-to-beat advantage in the finals against Living Like Larry and needed it as the latter upset the former, 11-15, in the first set to force a deciding final match. In the end, Go Pro turned it on under pressure and whipped up a dominating 15-4 win to seize the day. Ten teams made up the U13 division.

Team Hurley advanced past Smack Dat in the opening round and bumped off the Sparks on its way to the upper bracket semifinals where they ousted

Special ground rules for the U13 division include awarding a bonus point to teams that score on a play using a bump or hand-set leading to a spike, in addition to receiving a second opportunity upon attempting an overhand serve.

A point must be credited on a play in order to receive the extra point and a second serve is only awarded if the first sail out of bounds or into the net. The same special rules apply in the U18 division, aside from the second service opportunity.

Notably, all teams must also consist of at least one female player who must remain on the

court at all times.

The free tournaments simply serve as a platform for the kids to put their skills to the test in a competitive setting. There will be one more event slated for next month.

NMIVA's youth training practices are still ongoing and are open to anyone at no cost.

Practices are being held beachside at Fiesta on Wednesday's from 4pm to 6pm, and on Saturday mornings from 8am to 10am. NMIVA would like to thank Fiesta Resort & Spa and all the parents and volunteers for their continued support. Visit [www.nmivolleyball.org](http://www.nmivolleyball.org) for more information.

J.J. Atalig and Joey Dela Cruz (71.2 net) settled for third place, while Juan Babauta and Fred Camacho finished fourth with a 74 gross and 71.6 net. Joe Suarez and Frank Duenas took the fifth prize with a 73

The Lady Dolphins' reserves took the floor for the majority of the final period, as KHS managed to surpass its output from the previous three frames in the fourth quarter, but still lost the match.

Pablo and Friendly Joy Pena teamed up for 18 points for MHS, while Trinalyn Santos managed 6 for Kagman.

The season continues today at 4:30pm with Saipan Southern High School's Lady Manta Rays (2-2) taking on the Lady Knights of Mount Carmel School (1-4).

## Junior Varsity

**MHS 35** – Pablo 10, Pena 8, Abadilla 4, Abanao 3, Agulto 2, Echavez 2, Lopez 2, Santiago.

**KHS 9** – T. Santos 6, Mettiao 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 6-2, 21-4, 31-4, 35-9.

## Varsity

**MHS 70** – Williams 20, Jeraldine Castillo 12, Abrams 11, Jeralyn 8, Ocampo 5, Lizardo 4, Olivos 4, Gatchalian 2, Lumabi 2.

**KHS 39** – J. Santos 10, Kaitpat 7, Pelep 7, Ada 6, Halstead 4, Palino 4, Lizama 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-7, 37-17, 54-30, 70-39.

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net of 73, but since only four pairs participated in the weekend event, organizers awarded cash prize only to the top team.

The rest of the prize money was portioned out to Flores and McKenzie, in addition to the fourth, fifth and sixth place men's low-net finishers in sums of \$175, \$125 and \$100, respectively. Fifty-six players participated in the tournament.

Nick Sablan and Rick Kautz won the men's low net with a very slim margin. The couple fronted a zero-handicap, but its 71 gross count was still enough to stand up against runners-up Frank Castro and Jung Eun Teack, whose 76 raw was shaved down to a 71.2 net.

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# Weekend Sports

## Nip-and-tuck games for opposing teams

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**T**eams had to sweat it out to get the needed victories in their separate competitions last week.

In the title game in the Saipan Major League Baseball Association/Division of Youth Services' 18U Triple A Championship Youth Baseball League, the Orioles avoided the Rockies' upset axe, pulling off an 8-7 come-from-behind

win at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The pennant champion fell behind in the first three innings before starting a rally in the fourth to down the pesky Rockies, who were seeded last in the playoffs, but still made it to the finals after eliminating the Dodgers and the Reds.

In the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup at Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, the second semis tiff between Hi-Five and pennant champion Pacific Is-

lands Club was decided by only two points. Hi-Five went on to win the closely fought match, 73-71, to arrange a finals duel against Mobil. Hi-Five also came from an 84-81 victory against the Hoopaholics in the first round of the playoffs to advance to the semis.

Still in basketball, Kagman High School played catch up since the opening buzzer of its game against Mt. Carmel School in the 2012-2013 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball

League at the Marianas High School Gymnasium and managed to steal the win in the fourth quarter, 59-51.

At the Oleai Sports Complex Field, two games in Division 1 of the M-League ended in draws. In the first game, Wild Bill's and Inter Godfather's settled for a 1-1 deadlock, while the second match between Tan Holdings FC and Korean Football Association on Saipan ended in similar scores. In Division 2, Matansa shut out Kanoa Resort FC to remain undefeated

in four games.

Still in soccer, the favored teams in the 2012 NMIFA Youth Fall League lived up to expectations with Shirley's FC and Tan Holdings FC beating Paire and Tan Holdings in the girls U15 game at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

At the Oleai pitch, MP United and Paire downed Tan Holdings and Shirley's, respectively, in the boys U15, while Paire topped MP United-1 in the first boys U18 match and MP United-2 whipped Tan Holdings

in the other U18 tiff.

In the MISO boys volleyball league, Saipan International School's White Geckos remained unbeaten in four games to lead the 8-team field, while in the Rotary caging, the Sonics and Rollers 2 also kept their undefeated slates.

In an off-island tournament, Ruselle Zapanta made it to the quarterfinals of the Men's Masters event of the 26th Asian Intercity Bowling Championships, giving Saipan its best finish in the annual competition.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
PIC's Darwin Barbo pulls up for a shot against Hi-Five's Alex Standish during their semis game in the Emon Lodge caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Hi-Five's Alex Standish pulls up for an off-balanced shot against PIC defenders during their semis game in the Emon Lodge caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
A Tan Holdings player, left, dribbles against a Korean Football Association on Saipan defender during their game in the M-League last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Shirley's FC and Paire FC players chase the ball during their game in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA fall league last week at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND  
The Orioles' Walter Macaranas, left, and Rockies' Syl Ada, third left, accept their respective Manager and Coach of the Year awards from SMLBA president Rose Igitol, right, and DYS' Josephine Rabauliman last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND  
Marianas High School's Lovely Francisco spots up for an open shot against Saipan Southern High School during their game in the MISO caging last week at the MHS Gymnasium.



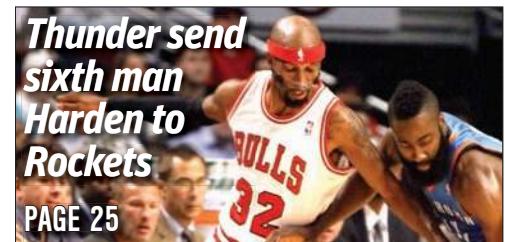
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The Rollers 2's Irvyn Malonzo, drops a floater through the lane during their game against Hi-5 in the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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# Back-to-back titles for Mobil

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**D**epleted, but not defeated. Mobil played the winner-take-all finale in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup without Jun Estolas, but leaned on the solid games of its three starters and ample support from its bench for an impressive 83-64 win over Hi-Five last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Banjo Basila did a great job quarterbacking for Mobil, while fellow starters Marvin Rabauliman and Gyles Ruluked dominated the once mighty Hi-Five frontliners, and the rest of the team also contributed to the cause to more than make up for Estolas' absence in the finals. Estolas was slapped with a two-year suspension after figuring in a fight with Ashey's/Brabu's Marlon De Dios in their semis game last Thursday.

With the inaugural season MVP out, the odds slightly fa-

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## Go Pro, Team Hurley win kids v'ball tilt



Members of Team Hurley, left, and Go Pro pose for a group photo after winning the U18 and U13 divisions of the NMIVA-organized tournament last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa.

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Go Pro and Team Hurley came away as the U13 and U18 age division winners of the



Mobil's Marvin Rabauliman floats for a shot against Hi-Five's Dan Barcias during their title game in the Emon Lodge caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Northern Marianas Islands Volleyball Association's 2nd Kids Training Clinic Tournament held last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa. Go Pro is composed of Maile Aldrich, Steven Lee, Colin Ramsey, Negahr Rastguiy, and Troy Young, while Team Hurley members include Chris Cepeda, Tommy Choi, Clay McCullough-Stearns, and Krislie Ogbac. Go Pro earned a first round

bye and went through NO Way and the Wild Cats to advance into the upper bracket semifinals where they downed the Tsunamis, 16-14. The eventual U13 champion then held a

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## Emon Lodge caging slaps Estolas with two-year ban

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Newly crowned back-to-back champion Mobil will have to defend its Emon Lodge caging title next season without 2010 MVP Jun Estolas.

The Mobil guard was slapped with a two-year suspension after clashing with Ashley's/Brabu's Marlon De Dios during their semis game last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The incident happened in the fourth quarter with De Dios collaring the rebound and accidentally hitting Estolas with his extended elbow, as he tried to hold tight to the

ball. Estolas then swung his left arm and also hit De Dios, who then retaliated with a punch, according to spectators of the game. De Dios was also suspended due to his unsportsmanlike conduct, but the suspension was only for three games

Emon Lodge caging commissioner Ed Manalili, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Saturday before the Mobil-Hi-Five title game, explained that De Dios' elbow on Estolas was accidental and the Mobil guard was given the heftier punishment because he instigated the fight.

Manalili added that Estolas'

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## Yumul, Sablan top Chamber golf tourney



Ralph Yumul, second left, and Mike Sablan, right accept their prizes from organizers of the 5th Annual Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament held last Saturday at Coral Ocean Point Resort Club.

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Low gross winners Ralph Yumul and Mike Sablan shone the brightest in the 5th Annual Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament held last Saturday at Coral Ocean Point Resort Club.

The duo teamed up in the scramble format tournament and worked out a 65 raw score to beat Manny Mangarero and Tars Olopai (67) and Kim Gi Yoeng and Lee Geun Ju (68), who claimed third prize via tie-breaker over Frederico Flores and Tom McKenzie (68).

Hole 8 turned out to be the deciding factor in breaking the tie for third place and determining the runners-up. Mangarero and Olopai bagged a birdie on the kicker, while Flores and McKenzie settled for a par and were issued a \$100 prize for fourth place, as the payouts were adjusted from the original format based on the turnout. First place winners split cash prizes of \$600, while \$300 and \$200 were awarded to the runners-up and third placers.

In other results, Ladies low net winners Lorraine Babauta and Sherlyn Jones grossed a 79 that calculated into a field low

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